



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 23 January, 2023

Cabinet Members Present:

Councillor A Morgan (Chair), Councillor M Webber (Vice-Chair),
Councillor G Caple, Councillor A Crimmings, Councillor R Lewis,
Councillor C Leyshon, Councillor M Norris and Councillor B Harris

Agenda Item : 5

SUBJECT: Waste Services - Revised Waste Management Strategy

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

To note the content of the report and duly resolve to approve the introduction of the following revisions to the Council's Waste Management Strategy:

- (i) The collection of residual household waste on a 3-weekly basis for all domestic waste collections.
- (ii) The presentation of waste on a 3-weekly basis will be as follows; strict volume control measures will apply to all domestic waste, namely:
 - (a) A maximum of 3 black bags per household, (for those properties with existing black bag waste collections),
 - (b) The “no side waste” rule continues for those households with large 240L wheelie bin collections, (but 1 bag of side waste, no larger than 70L, is allowed for the standard 120L bins).
- (iii) The initiation of a trial of the use of reusable recycling sacks for the collection of dry mixed recycling, (DMR).

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

The need to provide feedback from the 5-week public consultation period during December 2022 – January 2023 with respect to proposed revisions to the Council's operational waste management processes regarding future arrangements for the collection of refuse and recycling designed to aid an increase in the rate of recycling across RCT, whilst also offering financial efficiencies and to help inform a Cabinet decision on the way forward.

The need to seek Cabinet's approval to introduce and implement the options for change as presented in the report.

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

The Council has committed to minimising the amount of waste we send to landfill, achieving our recycling targets through weekly recycling and regular refuse collections, and reducing our carbon footprint. This supports the priorities of the Council's Corporate Plan 'Making a Difference' – 2020-24.

The report reflects the Sustainable Development principles of the Well-being of Future Generations Act, and its work contributes to all seven national goals.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

The "Let's Talk Waste" public consultation was conducted in-house and ran from the 5th December 2022 until the 9th January 2023.

As part of the consultation, people were asked if they would support a change in black bag/wheelie bin collection frequency if it safeguarded other key services. The 4087 responses received to this question were fairly balanced, with a slight majority of respondents supporting the proposed change, if it safeguarded other key services (50.4%).

People were also asked if they would support a change to a reusable recycling sack and if the household would be able to store and use reusable sacks. Some 4097 responses were received to this with the majority, (62.2%), supportive of such a change.

A detailed report collating all questions asked and feedback from the public consultation into the options for change can be found as Appendix 2 to the report.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:

[Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 14th December 2022.](#)

6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

None

7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):

N/A

8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

Yes

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

The closing date for Call-In is 5pm on the 26 January 2023

8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:

I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-

Reason: N/A

II. URGENT DECISION:-

Reason N/A

8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:

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(PRESIDING OFFICER)

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(Dated)

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APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓