

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 23 March 2016

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Subject:

A BRIEFING TO AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON CHANGES TO THE DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

Summary statement:

This briefing note highlights the key changes to the Council's domestic waste collection arrangements following the introduction of the Council's Domestic Waste and Recycling Policy (DWARP)

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1. SUMMARY

The Council's new Domestic Waste and Recycling Collection Policy (DWARP) has been introduced across the Keighley areas and is currently being rolled out across the Bradford Area in conjunction with the restructure of domestic rounds.

2. BACKGROUND

New regulations were introduced in January 2015, which meant that the Council is now legally required to collect recyclable materials separately, unless it is not Technically, Environmentally or Economically Practicable (TEEP) to do so. The Council therefore has a duty to engage residents and trade waste customers by clearly laying out the challenges ahead for waste collection and treatment and providing a solution which addresses the needs of all our customers.

Householders are now required to present their waste in specific receptacles at the collection point (kerbside or other place as advised by the Council.) This requires all households to separate their recyclable waste, restricts households to one green general waste bin (with a larger capacity bin available for households of 7 or more people) and requires bins to be presented for collection with the lid closed with no waste at the side.

The Council is focusing on encouraging residents, through awareness raising and education, to minimise the amount of waste each household produces. By encouraging householders to separate items that can be recycled, increases in recycling reduces costs for treatment and disposal of general waste.

Every tonne of waste in the general waste (green) bin costs Council Tax payers on average £85 a tonne to dispose of whereas, for every tonne that we take out of the recycled bins generates income for the Council, on average £25 per tonne. The more we recycle the less the cost is to Bradford residents.

- The Council simply cannot afford to carry on paying for residents not separating recyclable waste.
- As part of Bradford Council's Domestic Waste & Recycling Policy
 - We will only empty one general waste (green) bin per household per week.
 - Bins should have the lid closed with no waste at the side. Householders must put the right things in the right bin.
 - Materials which can be recycled should **not** be put in the green general waste bin – plastic bottles, glass bottles and jars, cans, paper and card **must** be put in the correct recycling container.
- Residents can have as many recycling bins as they need and these are provided to them free without a delivery charge.



3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Waste Minimisation Programme

The Council has developed a Waste Minimisation Programme that includes a number of projects designed to improve waste collection efficiency, increase recycling across the District and reduce waste disposal costs.

If every household recycled just 10% of their waste the Council would save £1 million per year in disposal costs.

The changes we have introduced are having an impact across the Keighley area where the new round changes and policy implementation were first introduced in November 2015. Our General Waste Collection crews have been noting the addresses where householders are not complying with the policy. Visits are then made to these householders by our Recycling advisors who provide advice and information on how householders can improve their recycling and will order extra recycling bins if required.

Householders who refuse to separate their waste, continue to contaminate their recyclable waste bin, put out excess side waste for collection, or present more than one general waste (green) non-recyclable waste bin for collection may face enforcement action from the Council. This will be done as a last resort when all other routes have been exhausted. The table below shows how intervention from our recycling team has improved compliance across the Keighley areas. These figures are based on a residual waste collection service from 80,000 households.

Keighley Non Compliance Instances Tues 16/02/16 - Fri 19/02/16		
Extra Bins	Side Waste	Lid Up
235	74	7

Keighley Non Compliance Instances Tues 09/02/16 - Fri 12/02/16		
Extra Bins	Side Waste	Lid Up
362	66	30

Keighley Non Compliance Instances Tues 02/02/16 - Fri 05/02/16		
Extra Bins	Side Waste	Lid Up
605	106	5

Keighley Non Compliance Instances Tues 26/01/16 - Fri 29/01/16		
Extra Bins	Side Waste	Lid Up
1233	324	76



3.2 Bradford Roll-out

Leafleting of the Bradford area (125,000 households) was completed to schedule on the 5 March 2016; the new collection rounds commence on the 15 March 2016. Bradford crews will be recording all instances of non-compliance.

During the Keighley roll out 4,000 recycling bins were delivered to residents, to date (03/03/2016) as part of the Bradford roll-out 4,500 recycling bin requests have been received, these are being delivered at a rate of approximately 1,500 per week to enable householders to begin recycling as soon as possible.

3.3 Recycling Service

The Council provides an alternate weekly collection service for four of its recycle materials; glass, can, plastic bottles and paper. Householders can have as many free recycling bins as they require.

3.4 Enforcement of the DWARP

As part of ensuring compliance with the DWARP an enforcement process has been agreed for use where there is persistent non compliance with the policy. Following the roll-out across the Keighley areas we are now delivering warning letters as a further reminder to all non-compliant households. If following this, a householder is found to be still not compliant then a formal S46 notice will be issued to the householder. This is the start of formal enforcement action.

3.5 2016/2017 Budget Decisions

Following approval of the Council's budget on the 25 February 2016, two decisions will have a key impact on Waste Collection Services in the District;

- The introduction of a chargeable Garden Waste Collection Service, this service comes into effect from 1 June 2016, at an annual charge of £28 with the early bird discount (£35 without)
- The introduction of alternate week residual waste collection in 2017/2018, this will be implemented from the 1 April 2016.

4. **FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

The programme has been funded from reserves ear-marked for Waste.

5. **RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

The Waste Minimisation Programme has agreed governance arrangements in place and manages its risks through the Programme Board. It reports to the Safe, Clean and Active Programme Board.



6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

The Council's DWARP has been approved by Legal Services; there are no other legal issues.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

There are no issues arising from the Council's Equality & Diversity Strategy.
There are no issues arising from the Initial Equality Impact Assessment.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are clear sustainability implications in reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

A reduction in the amount of waste being sent to landfill has a positive impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6 TRADE UNION

Trade Unions have been fully involved through the development and implementation of the programme.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

We are working closely with all the Wards to educate residents to recycle and reduce waste and identify any areas of non compliance across the District.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

None



8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

None

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

This report is brought for the information of the Committee.

11. APPENDICES

None

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

