

<b>Report to</b>	Cllr Barry Mellor, Lead Member for Environment and Transport
<b>Date</b>	30/08/2023
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<b>Title</b>	Updated Waste Collections Policy 2023

## **1. What is the report about?**

1.1. This report recommends the approval of the updated Waste Collections Policy 2023 following consultation with Cabinet and Communities Scrutiny in June 2023.

## **2. What is the reason for making this report?**

2.1. To inform and seek Lead Member backing of the updated Waste Collections Policy which is attached in Appendix 1.

## **3. What are the Recommendations?**

3.1. That the Lead Member approves the updated Waste Collections Policy for the current and new service. Appendix 1 provides the details of the Current waste collections policy (Part 1) and the New Service waste collection policy (Part 2).

3.2. That the Lead Member confirms that the Well-being Impact Assessment (Appendix 2) has been read, understood and taken into account.

## **4. Report details**

4.1. An updated Waste Collections Policy has been produced by the Waste service. The policy has been updated for the current service to clarify aspects of the service offer, additionally it has been updated to reflect the new service model

which is yet to be implemented. The Policy is split into the current and new service.

4.2. The key changes to current policy are strengthening responsibilities / clarity of the policy and major service changes, these are as follows:

- a) Section 1a&b detail the new non-recyclable and recycling collection service frequency of collection and container type used. Section 2 relates to alternative collections for unsuitable standard service provision. Section 3 relates to communal bulk bins.
- b) Section 4 clarifies that it is a legal requirement in Wales to recycle food waste (with effect from October 2023). Section 5 relates to WEEE & battery collection services.
- c) Section 7 presentation and Section 8 private unadopted roads are reinforced in terms of what is acceptable and the formal notification of collection points for properties with restricted access.
- d) Section 18 clarifies Non-Infectious Hygiene Waste service from 2024.
- e) Section 22 outlines bulky collection service changes.

4.3. The updated policy has been circulated to the following forums:

- i. Remodelling Waste Service Project Board
- ii. Cabinet
- iii. Communities Scrutiny

The policy has been updated with minor amends and points of clarification following the feedback received at Cabinet Briefing and Communities Scrutiny.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?**

5.1. The implementation of the new waste service (inclusive of the updated policy) is linked with the corporate priority 'A Greener Denbighshire'. Directly this relates to the theme to improve recycling rates and reduce waste by introducing the new kerbside recycling system from 2024. This will underpin Denbighshire's commitment to becoming a Net Zero Carbon organisation by 2030.

## **6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

6.1. There is no direct cost regarding the Waste Collections Policy.

## **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

7.1. Please see Appendix 2 for further detail of WBIA undertaken for the overall Waste Service Remodelling within which the application of the updated Waste Collections Policy is a key factor. The overall outcome of the Well-being Impact Assessment is positive.

## **8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

8.1. The Project Board, chaired by the Corporate Director – Environment and Economy (who acts as the Project Executive) meets approximately monthly and at each Project Board updates on risk and the latest position costs are presented for review and action as required. The Board have received and been provided with the opportunity to comment on the Waste Collections Policy.

8.2. The Policy has also been circulated to Cabinet and Communities Scrutiny in May / June 2023. Members have been provided with the opportunity to comment on the policy and will have further opportunity during the delegated decision process.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

9.1. Although there are no direct financial implications of this report, the business case for the large capital investment in waste over recent years has been based

on the revenue implications of the new service model, for which the policy has been updated as stated in section 4.

## **10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

10.1. Risk that the public may see changes in their waste service offer and some resistance arises around this.

## **11. Power to make the decision**

11.1. Powers delegated to the Lead Member as outlined in Appendix 2(b) to Section 13 of the Council's Constitution- the Members Scheme of Delegation.