



Review of Recycling and Waste Collection Service

Introduction

The review is a Corporate Plan objective

Timescales and steps:

- Complete the review: December 2018
- Executive approval: June 2019
- Implementation: July 2019 to April 2020

Guiding Principles

- To maintain high levels of customer satisfaction
- To respond to market and legislative changes
- To maintain/improve environmental performance
- To avoid additional hard containers for residents
- Choice of vehicles is key and these take 12 months to procure




The Key Drivers for Change

- Market
 - Impact of China (paper)
- Legislation
 - TEEP
 - Deposit Return Scheme(s)
 - Market change
 - Cost implications
 - Large reduction in kerbside recycling
- Local
 - Financial challenges for GBC and SCC
 - Need to replace vehicle fleet
 - SWP aim to reduce waste (360L per month)



Current Service

- Uses split bodied vehicles

	Frequency	Container	
Comingled Recycling	Fortnightly	240L wheeled bin	
Food waste	Weekly	23L caddy	
Refuse	Fortnightly	240L wheeled bin	

Advantages

- Service stability




Disadvantages

- Does not respond to market changes, planned legislation, increased costs



Proposal (Phase 1)

- Stay with current service but change to single bodied vehicles plus a split body vehicle for food waste / nappy collection
- The service offered remains as current – some round “rebalancing”

	Frequency	Container	
Comingled Recycling	Fortnightly	240L wheeled bin	
Food waste	Weekly	23L caddy	
Refuse	Fortnightly	240L wheeled bin	

Advantages






- Same service as now from residents perspective
- Simpler fleet (cheaper to buy and maintain)
- Ability to adjust services to respond to the known changes in the market and legislation

Disadvantages

- Possible minor disruption to some residents (different crews and/or different time of collection)

Potential (Phase 2)

- Uses single bodied vehicles

	Frequency	Container	
Food waste	Weekly	23L caddy	
Nappies	Weekly	Sacks*	
Paper and card	Three weekly	240L wheeled bin	
Comingled recycling (excluding paper and card)	Three weekly	Sacks*	
Refuse	Three weekly	240L wheeled bin	

* There is flexibility to use other container options

Advantages

- Responds to changes in the market and planned legislation
- Increased recycling
- Savings on disposal costs
- Increased revenue opportunities
- Increased flexibility



Disadvantages

- Major service change

Next Steps

- Detailed financial analysis
- Plan implementation of business as usual but with vehicle change
- Report to Executive to approve the release of vehicle funding
- Order vehicles
- Return to Executive June 2019 to consider whether and when to implement Phase 2

