

SCRUTINY ITEM

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HEAD OF PLACE AND CULTURE	INTERNAL AFFAIRS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	21 NOVEMBER 2023	9
WASTE AND RECYCLING POLICY 2023			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

This report provides Members with an update on the Waste and Recycling policy which was approved by Operational Management Committee in November 2021 to address carbon reduction issues as outlined in the corporate plan priorities.

Following the adoption and introduction of the Waste and Recycling Policy, several operational changes have since taken place, which need to be reflected within the policy.

SOURCE OF REFERRAL

Operational Management Committee November 2021

FURTHER INFORMATION

[Appendix - Waste and Recycling Policy 2023](#)

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to accept the revisions in the report with a view to reporting its findings (if any) to the Executive Committee

REPORT - WASTE AND RECYCLING POLICY 2023

The details of the policy changes are listed below:

- Point 4** - The number of households receiving the wheeled bin refuse and recycling service has increased from 37,735 to 39,457. The Waste Minimisation team conducted a review of households receiving a weekly sack collection at the request of residents and successfully transitioned additional properties onto the wheeled bin collection service. This provided a reduction in the number of households receiving a weekly green refuse sack collection from 1,875 to 953, delivering operational benefits through a reduction in manual handling of sacks and environmentally, through a reduction in litter from bag spillages.

2. **Point 11** - As directed by Central Government targets, the future weekly food waste collection service which was due to be launched nationally by the end of 2023, has been revised and the new target for implementation of food waste collections is now 2025/26.
3. **Point 14** - The 2019/20 recycling data will be replaced with the latest Defra published figure for 2021/22. Fylde Council was amongst the top authorities in Lancashire with an overall percentage of household waste being sent for reuse, recycling and composting of 44.4%. The average recycling rate for Lancashire was 41.8% and the national average for England was 44.1%.
4. **Appendix 1** - In April 2023, the start time of the refuse and recycling collection service was amended from 7:30am to 7am to minimise service disruption caused by travel delays experienced by collection vehicles when travelling to the start of the collection rounds. The time change has also provided consistency with neighbouring authorities such as Blackpool and Wyre councils, who have both adopted an earlier start time of 7am.
5. **Appendix 1** - In 2022 there was a global increase in the price of polymer plastic which impacted manufacturing costs to produce wheeled bin containers. The Operational Management Committee approved a price increase to offset these additional costs, at its meeting of November 2021. The revised bin charges to reflect this increase are as follows:

Provision of lost, stolen, damaged or additional (where approved) wheeled bin including delivery (per bin)	£39
Provision of a set of three wheeled bins (grey, blue and brown) at new build properties	£117
Provision of a set of four wheeled bins (grey, green, blue and brown) at new build properties	£156
Provision of a bulk bin to multiple occupancy properties (per bin)	£520

6. **Appendix 1** - Missed collections - To amend the reporting criteria of a missed collection as follows:
 - Revision to the collection start time from 7:30am to 7am to reflect time change.
 - Amended from 48 hours to 2 working days, to exclude weekend days when the offices are closed and to only include working days within the reporting period.
7. **Appendix 1** - Bulky household waste - the suspension of service no longer applies, as the Council awarded the contract to Furniture Matters (Calico Group) in February 2022:
 - Since 2022 the collection service has been delivered through a partnership with Furniture Matters (Calico). Residents can book a collection of unwanted household furniture or appliances at an agreeable time from either inside or outside of the properties. The service is available 4 days per week Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm with bookings available morning or afternoon. The collection charges are as follows:

Up to 3 items	£23.50
4 to 10 items	£45.50
Over 10 items (charged per hour)	£85
Collection of a single fridge or single freezer or single unit combined fridge/freezer	£45.50
Garden shed (max size 6' x 6' 1.83m x 1.83m)	£52

- Furniture Matters are committed to reducing their environmental impact when collecting unwanted household furniture and appliances by refurbishing, repairing, or recycling items (where possible). Supporting those most in need by offering low cost, quality domestic furniture and appliances as well as providing local people with an opportunity to develop their skills and experience to help improve

employment prospects. Since 2022 the service has assisted 200 families across the borough in need of low cost, affordable furniture.

- In 2022/23 Furniture Matters (Calico) collected 152 tonnes of unwanted household furniture and white goods, of which 72 tonnes was recycled and 7 tonnes was reused.

BACKGROUND PAPERS REVELANT TO THIS ITEM		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Waste and Recycling Policy 2023		Waste and Recycling Policy 2023

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The updated Waste and Recycling Policy is subsequently attached as an appendix to this report.