

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 26 FEBRUARY 2019

UPDATE OF THE WASTE AND RECYCLING BIN POLICY

REPORT BY HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

ABSTRACT

This report proposes an update to the council's waste and recycling bin policy that takes into account the forthcoming extension to bin collection times each day.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agrees to the updated waste and recycling bin policy as shown in **Appendix 1**.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

PLACE

- A reduced carbon footprint
- An enhanced, protected and enjoyed natural and built environment

This report also aligns to the Council Plan 2017-2022 priority for the council to be effective and efficient, specifically for our services to represent best value and to be focused on the greatest need.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Communities Committee on 4 March 2014 (Report 112/14, Article 11 refers) agreed to the adoption of a waste and recycling bin policy, which set out policies and procedures associated with the provision of waste and recycling bins. This was put in place in preparation for the roll-out of the new kerbside recycling service that year.

3.2 An update to the waste and recycling bin policy was agreed at the meeting of the Communities Committee on 17 January 2017 (Report 27/17). This was to more closely align our policies to those set out in the Household Recycling Charter and Code of Practice for Scotland, and also to reflect changes that had been made to the food and garden waste services.

3.3 From 8 April 2019 our waste collection crews will operate over two shifts each day from 6am to 10pm (Monday to Thursday) and 6am to 9.30pm (Friday). This new way of working forms part of the Change Programme (as per Report 59/18 to meeting of Angus Council) and will deliver a significant financial saving. It will require that bins are now presented for collection by 6am on a designated collection day (currently 7am) and therefore it is necessary to amend the current waste and recycling bin policy to reflect this.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 In addition to changing the waste and recycling bin policy to reflect that bins will now be collected from 6am, it is proposed that the following amendments are also made.
- A missed collection must be reported to the Council within 2 working days after the day it was due to be collected. If reported outwith this time it will not be possible to return to collect the bin.
 - When a missed bin is reported several days after the bin was due to be collected there is unlikely to be a suitable collection vehicle working in the area that can be redirected to collect the bin.
 - Where a food waste bin has been missed due to collection crew error, the Council will only return if it is operationally feasible to do so.
 - This is required to reduce the costs and operational disruption caused when we are required to send a collection vehicle a considerable distance to collect a very small amount of food waste.
- 4.2 A copy of the updated waste and recycling bin policy that includes the above amendments is provided in **Appendix 1**.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The update of the waste and recycling bin policy does not have any direct financial implications. The amendments made however reflect implementation of new ways of working for waste collection as identified in the Change Programme and have an annual savings target of £160,000 (as per Report 59/18 agreed at meeting of Angus Council on 15 February 2018).

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Strategic Director – People and the Head of Finance and Legal were consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

- Report 112/14 to Communities Committee
- Report 27/17 to Communities Committee
- Report 59/18 to Angus Council

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List of Appendices:

- Appendix 1 – Angus Waste and Recycling Bin Policy