

NOTICE OF MOTION - GREEN BIN COLLECTION CHANGES

Proposed by Councillor Stuart Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Dave Mitchell

Council notes:

- (1) The Cabinet's consultation proposals to potentially change Wirral's residual (green bin) collections by introducing three weekly collections or by reducing the size of the bin from 240ltr to 140ltr at a cost of £1.5 million.
- (2) The proposed food collection is intended to divert 10% of the volume of residual waste but that the reduction in capacity for residents will be up to 41%; Council believes this difference will be difficult for families to manage and could result in increased fly-tipping.
- (3) The residual waste stream will no longer be sent to landfill and will no longer attract landfill taxes and that the waste will instead be used to generate electricity at the Teesside plant.

Council believes:

- (i). That funding from the Waste Development Fund should be used to improve the sorting facilities at the Bidston MRF, enabling the full range of plastics to be recovered and that strenuous efforts should be made to develop markets for the materials obtained.
- (ii). Any changes to current residual green bin collections is unnecessary and wasteful and calls upon Cabinet to work with, rather than against, householders in increasing recycling yields.