

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Cllr Brightmore

KEY DECISION: No

PORTFOLIO AREA: Environment

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: None

WARDS AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT: DOMESTIC REFUSE COLLECTION POLICY

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Cabinet Member is requested to approve the updated Domestic Refuse Collection Policy and its implementation with effect from 16 October 2017.

2. REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Domestic Refuse Collection Policy sets out the details and arrangements for all aspects of the Council's domestic refuse collection service. There is an existing policy, but this was established some years ago and has since become outdated and in need of refresh. The policy is an outward facing document with full details set out on the Council's website for the public to access. The updated Domestic Refuse Collection Policy supports the Council's commitment to 'create an attractive local environment for Wirral residents' as set out within the Wirral Plan. The policy will do this by helping to improve the Council's recycling performance and by reducing the overall amount of refuse generated by residents, as well as reducing fly tipped domestic refuse.

The updated policy reflects the Council's emerging new relationship with residents; with people being better informed, encouraged to take responsibility for their actions and being more aware of their local environment. However, the updated policy is principally concerned with improving access to the domestic refuse collection service. The Council is committed to addressing service access issues and ensuring equality of access for all residents, providing support to them where required to do this.

Through the updated policy, the Council will provide more support to residents for the management of their waste and effective use of the refuse bins provided. More emphasis will be placed on meeting residents face to face at their homes to conduct 'waste audits' to identify residents' waste management requirements.

As part of the review of the Council's Domestic Refuse Collection Policy, officers have researched the approaches and policies adopted by other local authorities across the United Kingdom, to identify transferable best practice and good customer experience. As a result, the updated policy has been improved with workable best practice incorporated to promote excellent standards of service.

The updated policy enables the Council to take the domestic refuse collection service forward and paves the way for any future service change. The updated policy also fits well with the conclusions of the recently completed strategic review of the City Region's waste management arrangements and in particular the recommendation to standardise service provision policies across the region

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There are no conflicts of interest.

Signed:  Executive Member: Cllr Brightmore Date: 9 October 2017 Also present:	Signed:  Chief Officer: Mark Smith Date: 9 October 2017
Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):	

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

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