

EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Environment, Regulatory Services and Skills:-

MONDAY, 12th MAY, 2014

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services
Councillor J. Byrne	Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Community
Councillor Sherrington	Cabinet Member for Waste, Recycling and Housing
Councillor Wild	Major Opposition Spokesperson, Highways and Transport
Councillor Radlett	Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mr. M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Mr. T. Hill	Chief Planning and Housing Officer
Ms. J. Pollard	Head of Strategic Finance and Accountancy
Mrs. L. Swann	Assistant Head of Service of Waste and Fleet Strategy
Mrs. V. Ridge	Deputy Democratic Services Manager

101. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which set out details of the decisions made at previous meetings and the progress on each to date.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

102. THE REPLACEMENT GREY BIN POLICY

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which put forward a number of grey bin replacement options to increase recycling and reduce waste disposal levy costs.

By way of background, the Executive Cabinet Member was advised that reducing the tonnage of residual waste collected and increasing recycling in Bolton was a priority for the Council due to the rising costs of waste disposal and the ever increasing pressure on budgets. In 2013/2014, the cost of disposing of Bolton's waste was £20.966 million and this was due to reduce to £19.337 million in 2014/2015 due to the success of the Managed Weekly collections scheme. However, it was essential that the Council did it all could to reduce these costs even further.

The report outlined the current replacement grey bin policy and also what policies other Greater Manchester Authorities had introduced.

In terms of the future there were a number of different options available around replacement bins which were detailed as follows:-

- Option 1 – continue to only charge for missing, stolen or vandalised grey bins and grey bins for new properties, but consider increasing the charge for a 240 litre grey bin and offering a 140 litre grey bin at a cheaper rate;
- Option 2 – charging for wear and tear; or

- Option 3 – offering residents the opportunity to choose to exchange their current 240 litre grey bin for a 140 litre grey bin.

The report also provided the financial implications of the proposed options.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Waste, Recycling and Housing the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED:-

- (i) Option 1, as detailed in the report, with a £10 charge for a 140 litre bin and a £40 charge for a 240 litre bin; and
- (ii) The implementation of Option 3 as detailed in the report.

103. ADOPTION OF NEW WASTE AND RECYCLING STORAGE AND COLLECTION GUIDANCE

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out proposals to improve the provision of waste storage and collection in Bolton and ensure new developments were fit for purpose.

In 2006 Bolton Council introduced planning guidance for waste collection and storage to provide new development with the required information to ensure they could be built fit for purpose. Since 2006 the waste and recycling team had been contacted by a number of developers who sought to work with the Council to ensure that storage and collection arrangements they provided were adequate.

The document provided was purely guidance for developers. The degree to which developments implemented the guidance was therefore limited and there were a number of multi occupancy sites in Bolton where the Council had problems with waste storage and collection, as the facilities were not fit for purpose.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that the waste and recycling storage and collection guidance had been updated and was appended to the report.

The report also explained issues arising where storage was not adequate.

In conclusion, the report explained that to ensure that adequate waste storage and collection arrangements were put in place at any future developments waste and recycling would be working with planning to see if elements of the guidance could be built into the approval process for new developments.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Waste, Recycling and Housing the Executive Cabinet Member NOTED –

- (i) The new Waste and Recycling Storage and Collection Guidance that has been produced; and**
- (ii) The intention to work with planning to see if elements of the attached guidance can be built into the approval process for new developments.**

104. APPROVAL TO TENDER FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF WASTE AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval to tender for the distribution of waste and recycling information.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that the Council's Waste and Recycling Service currently outsourced the delivery of waste and recycling information to external contractors as and when required. The contractor was used to deliver information to promote key messages about waste and recycling across Bolton and also to distribute the annual waste and recycling collection calendar to all properties.

It was explained that the waste and recycling collection calendar was delivered to approximately 117,000 properties annually during September and October and the budget for this

work for 2014/2015 was £15,000. In addition to the scheduled deliveries the service might wish to deliver information to all residents, or pockets of the borough eg: during campaigns. This was not budgeted for but would be priced into any campaign.

It was proposed that the contract would run for two years with an option to extend for another year, subject to performance.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Waste, Recycling and Housing the Executive Cabinet Member AGREED to:-

- (i) Grant approval for the Assistant Director of Waste and Fleet Management to tender the distribution of waste and recycling information; and**
- (ii) Delegate authority to the Director of Environmental Services to award the contract to the successful tenderer.**

105. APPROVAL TO TENDER FOR DOORSTEP ENGAGEMENT

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval to tender for Doorstep Engagement.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that in recent years the Council had engaged a private contractor to carry out doorstep engagement with residents to deliver and promote key messages around waste management, waste reduction and recycling. This had proven to be an effective method of engaging with residents and there were plans to continue this activity going forward.

It was explained that in 2014/2015 Waste and Recycling planned to spend £50,000 on doorstep engagement and, although, budgets were not agreed for future years it was likely that work could be carried out if it continued to realise savings on the waste disposal levy.

It was proposed that the contract would run for two years with an option to extend for another year, subject to performance.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Waste, Recycling and Housing the Executive Cabinet Member AGREED to:-

- (i) Grant approval for the Assistant Director of Waste and Fleet Management to tender for Doorstep Engagement; and**
- (ii) Delegate authority to the Director of Environmental Services to award the contract to the successful tenderer.**