

THE CABINET

MEETING, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2013

Councillor Morris	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Mrs Thomas	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member
Cabinet Members	
Councillor Adia	Human Resources, Organisational Development and Diversity
Councillor Bashir-Ismael	Public Health
Councillor M. Connell	Adults
Councillor D. Burrows	Community Safety and Police
Councillor Peacock	Sports, Libraries, Youth and Culture
Councillor Murray	Looked After Children ,Safeguarding and Early Years
Councillor Chadwick	Highways and Transport
Councillor Sherrington	Waste and Recycling
Councillor J. Byrne	Economy, Housing and Skills
Councillor McKeon	Schools
Councillor Zaman	Neighbourhood and Community Services

Other Members in Attendance

Councillor Francis
Councillor Jones
Councillor Greenhalgh
Councillor Morgan
Councillor Ashcroft
Councillor Mrs Fairclough
Councillor Hayes

Officers

Mr. S. Harriss	Chief Executive
Mr. S. Arnfield	Deputy Chief Executive
Ms. M. Asquith	Director of Children's and Adults Services
Mr. K. Davies	Director of Development and Regeneration
Ms. W. Meredith	Director of Public Health
Mrs. H. Gorman	Borough Solicitor
Mr. J. Livesey	Assistant Director Children's and Adults Services
Ms. D. Ball	Assistant Director of Environmental Services
Mr. J. Rowlands	Assistant Director
Mr. A. Jennings	Democratic Services Manager

Councillor Morris in the Chair.

69. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 28th January, 2013 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

70. MINUTES OF THE AGMA EXECUTIVE AND

**71. MANAGED WEEKLY COLLECTION – RESPONSE TO
CALL - IN**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report that reminded members that the Cabinet's decision regarding the managed weekly collection ,taken at its last meeting, had been called in by Councillor Greenhalgh for consideration by the Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on

29th January, 2013. The Committee had agreed that the matter be referred back to the Cabinet in order for members to consider a further proposal as submitted by the Conservative Group.

The original report had set out proposals to achieve the required saving of £2.6m via a review of the waste collection frequencies within Bolton which in turn left the Council able to achieve large disposal savings and the Cabinet was reminded of its original decision and the reasons for such.

The report provided details of the proposal submitted by the Conservative Group, (Appendix 1), together with the associated costs, and members of the Conservative Group presented the proposal in more detail to the Cabinet for consideration which involved a weekly collection of a 140 litre grey bin and the current fortnightly collection of the 240 litre burgundy, beige and green bins, in conjunction with the introduction of a food waste bin.

The report submitted by the Director analysed the key difference in cost / savings and the recycling rate between the two options and explained that the disposal savings had been calculated to take into account the difference in capacity between the two proposals and the alternative option resulted in a savings shortfall of between £895,805 and £1,108,532 per year compared to the Managed Weekly Collections proposal.

With respect to the one off investments the report analysed the alternative and it was recognised that there was the potential for up to £190,000 to be saved on the future purchase of recycling bins as a result of new lids being placed on the 10,000 bins. However, the alternative option would require an additional investment of £2,298,408 compared to the Managed Weekly Collections proposal.

The report also highlighted the following for consideration by the Cabinet:-

- Greater waste disposal savings would be achieved with the introduction of Managed Weekly Collections when compared to weekly collections of a 140 litre grey bin as this encouraged greater behavioural change. This was due to the weekly system offering the equivalent of 280 litres of capacity over the fortnight period, greater than the 240 litres offered under the alternate weekly proposal (Appendix 2 provided details);
- A full and comprehensive reporting process had already taken place for the Managed Weekly Collection proposal, with opportunity for scrutiny at every stage. Additional public and staff consultation on any new proposal would be in the region of £20,000.
- The cost of delaying any decision would result in a loss of saving each month of £220,000.

The Conservative Group's proposal referred to the Weekly Collection Support Scheme offered by the Government whereby local authorities were invited to bid for funding in order to retain or maintain weekly residual waste collections. Members were reminded that the Council had submitted a bid based on retention of a weekly residual collection for a 5 year period which was a clear specification of the grant. The costs were accurately calculated at £21m to maintain the service for a 5 year period. It was explained that, whilst applying for a £5m bid may have led to greater success of achieving the funding; it would have left a continued deficit in the savings target as the alternative option left a potential gap in funding year on year. It was also explained that other councils that had submitted smaller bids could find it difficult to avoid increased disposal costs for the full 5 year period.

The Cabinet considered the alternative proposal submitted by the Conservative Group.

Resolved – That the Cabinet reiterates its original decision taken on 28th January, 2013 and that the managed weekly

waste collection proposals, as set out in the report submitted to the meeting on 28th January, 2013, be approved for implementation in May, 2013 (approximately 1 month after the introduction of food waste collections), together with the waste policies outlined in Appendix 7 of said report.