

Report on	Waste Collection Service Policy Public Consultation
Date of Meeting	8 September 2020
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the outcome of a public consultation exercise on a revised Waste Collection Service policy and to seek approval for the adoption of the new/amended policy.
2.0	Background
2.1	A draft of a revised Waste Collection Service Policy was presented to the Environment Committee meeting on 2nd December 2019 for consideration along with a related Equality Screening Report and Rural Needs Impact Assessment on the proposed policy.
2.2	The Committee agreed that meetings would be held with members from each of the seven District Electoral Areas (DEAs) to further discuss the proposed changes and that this would be followed by an extended 12 week public consultation exercise on the policy.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Meetings were held with members from each of the seven DEAs on the below dates: 6 th January – Carrtogher, Magherafelt and Moyola (Magherafelt office) 9 th January – Cookstown and Torrent (Cookstown office) 3 rd February – Clogher Valley and Dungannon (Dungannon office)
3.2	Feedback was also invited, in writing, from the Trade Unions on 19 th February 2020.
3.3	The policy was also discussed with the Mid Ulster Disability Forum on 12 th March 2020.
3.4	The 12 week public consultation exercise commenced on Monday 9 th March and ended on Friday 29 th May. This was notified by way of public notices and news release in the local press (copy attached as appendix 1) and on the Council website and Binovaton App
3.5	Responses to specific questions on the revised policy were invited via online (Monkey) survey. A total of 64 responses were received and these are provided at appendix 2.
3.6	The consultation/survey responses reveal a very high level of satisfaction with the approach being adopted to the various elements of the Waste Collection Service as summarised below;

	Kerbside refuse/recycling collections	81%
	Bulky household collections	94%
	Recycling Centre provision	89%
	Litter bin provision	79%
	Skip provision	95%
3.7	With regard to kerbside collections there was some negative response to the proposal to introduce an annual service charge for the collection of a second brown bin from certain households (where requested). Given this feedback and the fact that a second brown bin would most likely only be presented for six months of the year the proposed level of charge has been reduced in the revised policy from £100 to £50 per annum. This charge would be in line with the charge applied by other Councils who provide this extra service.	
3.8	A number of other minor changes have been made to the revised policy to clarify existing practices e.g. last admission to Recycling Centres ten minutes before stated closing time.	
3.9	A copy of the final/proposed policy is included at appendix 3 for consideration. It is proposed that the revised policy as presented takes affect from Monday 5 th October.	
4.0	Other Considerations	
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications	
	Financial: Minimal – total cost of placing public notices in local press was £647 + VAT	
	Human: No staffing implications	
	Risk Management: The application of the revised policy will improve health and safety	
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments	
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: The policy has previously been subjected to equality screening.	
	Rural Needs Implications: The policy has previously been subjected to a rural needs impact assessment.	
5.0	Recommendation(s)	
5.1	Members are asked to note the results of the public consultation exercise and to approve the revised Waste Collection Service Policy.	
6.0	Documents Attached & References	
6.1	Public consultation (Survey Monkey) results June 2020	
6.2	Public consultation public notice	
6.3	Waste Collection Service Policy	