

Report on	Review of Waste Collection Service Policy
Date of Meeting	11 th October 2022
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek approval for an updated Waste Collection Service policy following review.
2.0	Background
2.1	A new Waste Collection Service Policy for Mid Ulster District Council was approved at the Environment Committee meeting on 8th September 2020 following a twelve week public consultation exercise, equality screening and rural needs impact assessment.
2.2	The policy relates primarily to the collection of residual and recyclable waste at the kerbside from both domestic and commercial properties as well as the collection of abandoned vehicles, bulky and fly-tipped waste across the district. It also details the arrangements for provision of Recycling Centre facilities, skip containers and litter bins.
2.3	The Waste Collection Service policy previously approved stated that implementation of the policy would be monitored and a formal review undertaken 24 months from its effective date i.e. before the end of October 2022; hence the timing of this report.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Waste Collection Service Policy, which has been operating satisfactorily over the past two years, has been reviewed and at this stage no significant changes are required.
3.2	However some amendments have been necessary to reflect a few changes that have been approved separately by Committee over the past two years. These include, for example, the change to the operating days/hours of Ballymacombs Recycling Centre as approved by Committee in November 2020 which have now been updated as well as the concession agreed in relation to the second brown bin collection charge as approved by Committee in January 2022 which has now been incorporated into the policy wording.
3.3	A number of other minor changes have been made e.g. to reflect changes in job titles.
3.4	A copy of the updated Waste Collection Service policy is included at appendix 1.
3.5	Whilst no significant changes have been identified as being required at this juncture members should be aware of important ongoing work by DAERA in relation to the development of Common Collections Guidance for Local Authorities in Northern Ireland which has the potential for major future change in relation to our Waste Collection Policy.

3.6	<p>The three key proposals set currently set out in the Collections Guidance are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Residual Waste – it is proposed that Councils will restrict residual bin capacity to 90 litres per week. This could mean changing to 180 litre bins collected on a fortnightly basis or retaining the 240 litre bins but moving to a 3-weekly collection cycle. 2) Mixed Dry Recycling – it is proposed that, at a minimum, Councils would provide a twin stream service for recycling by removing either glass or paper/card from current commingled collections which would then be presented separately for collection. 3) Food Waste - it is proposed that Councils should provide free caddy liners to all households and further exploratory work will take place on the introduction of separate weekly food waste collections from households.
3.7	<p>These proposals which will be subject to public consultation next Spring, if agreed and implemented, would have major budgetary and operational implications for all Councils. Members will be kept fully informed and updated as this critical piece of work progresses.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None (in respect of updated Waste Collection Service Policy)
	Human: None (in respect of updated Waste Collection Service Policy)
	Risk Management: None (in respect of updated Waste Collection Service Policy)
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>The policy has previously been subjected to equality screening.</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications:</p> <p>The policy has previously been subjected to a rural needs impact assessment.</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to approve the updated Waste Collection Service Policy.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Copy of updated Waste Collection Service Policy.