

# EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISION MEETING FOR ENVIRONMENT

29 NOVEMBER 2019

<b>Executive Board Member:</b>	<b>Portfolio:</b>
<b>Cllr. Hazel Evans</b>	<b>Environment</b>

## KERBSIDE RESIDUAL WASTE RESTRICTIONS

### **Purpose:**

To propose changes to our Kerbside Residual Waste Restriction policy with clarification on the size of bags accepted at kerbside and additionality of detail to the arrangements for dealing with call backs for presentation of waste after 6am on day of collection, also the arrangements for excess waste collections during the Christmas and New Year period.

### **Recommendations / key decisions required:**

To agree the amendments to the capacity limit of black bags presented for collection by residents at kerbside and/or communal collection points.

Similarly agree to no call back requirement if waste is presented after the designated timeframe for refuse/ recycling collections, if evidence is available as proof of non-presentation at time of collection.

Also, amendments to arrangements for collection of excess residual waste over the Christmas and New year period that would depend on resident's full contribution to the kerbside recycling scheme on a regular basis which would inform the decision on whether to collect excessive amounts of residual black bag waste.

### **Reasons:**

Stipulating the maximum volume of the residual black bag will ensure that residents are complying to the kerbside residual waste restriction of three black bags per fortnight. This will allow the Authority to regulate and prohibit the usage of larger black bags which defeats the objective of ensuring as much as possible of household waste is recycled, either in the blue recycling bags and food waste bins.

Non presentation of waste at the kerbside or designated place of collection by 6am on collection day is resulting in unnecessary additional resource requirement for the service through call backs. If evidence is clear that non presentation is a reason for a missed collection the request for clearance can be declined with advice given to the residents on the subsequent steps to follow.

To ensure that residents recycle as much of their food waste and dry recycling materials as possible, no promotion of additional residual waste clearance of more than three black bags per fortnight will be announced during the Christmas and New Year period.

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**Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):**

None

**Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):**

N/A

**DECISION MADE:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

**The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting**

Recommendation of Officer adopted	NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	

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## KERBSIDE RESIDUAL WASTE RESTRICTIONS

Subsequent to the recent Kerbside Residual Waste Restrictions clarification on the black bag capacity is required to ensure acceptable compliance with the policy. To certify that residents are fully aware of the black bag size requirements of 60 litres and that anything exceeding this is not acceptable. Up to 3 black bags of 60 litre or below can be presented for kerbside or communal point collections on residual black bag weeks. The bags must be of reasonable weight and any bags deemed by the operatives to be excessive will not be collected due to the height needed to lift the bags into the designated collection vehicle. Specifying the capacity will allow any inconsistency with varying bag measurements provided by different manufacturers that residents may buy from varying outlets. Stipulating the litreage of the bags will enable education and awareness and if required enforcement action for non-compliance or continuous misuse of the three black bag restriction policy to be enforced. The changes have been amended to section 5c) of the policy (Appendix 1).

Not emphasising that additional black bag waste may be collected during the Christmas and New Year period will encourage additional recycling and reduce the likelihood that some may waver from recycling as much of the additional waste generated around this time. Every effort will be made to support residents with the disposal of waste, however demonstration of full contribution to the kerbside recycling scheme will be required if large amounts of residual black bag waste is evident. Education and awareness raising will be key in assisting residents with the knowledge and understanding of what can be recycled at kerbside prior and during the festive period. Amendments are made to point 8) of the policy (Appendix 1).

Collection timescale are widely publicised and form a part of our regular communications regarding the kerbside waste collections and issued with every change or bulleting in relation to kerbside waste collections. Waste must be presented prior to 6am on day of collection or not before 6pm on the day prior to collection. Collection crews commence collections at 6am and travel by each household's collection point on their round on the designated collection day, only deviating from their schedule if there are delays on the road due to access issues or adverse weather conditions. In such cases they endeavour to return when practically possible or when circumstances allow. If there are no issues, then rounds will be completed routinely with crews collecting the bags and food bins which are presented at the time of collection. If residents contact to advise that collections have not been made and onboard camera footage demonstrates that the waste was not presented, then the resident will be informed to take their waste back in and advised accordingly to take to the Household Waste Recycling Centre or present for collections on the next scheduled collection week. Call backs are an additional resource to the service increasing costs unnecessarily when a service has already been completed and conducted appropriately. The amendments have been included into point 17) of the policy (Appendix 1).

**Attachments**

**Appendix 1 – Revised Kerbside Residual Waste Restriction Policy**

## IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: **Ainsley Williams** Head of Waste & Environmental Services

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: **Ainsley Williams** Head of Waste & Environmental Services

1. Scrutiny Committee - N/A
2. Local Member(s) N/A
3. Community / Town Council -N/A
4. Relevant Partners N/A
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations -N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

**THERE ARE NONE**