

Meeting: Cabinet

Date: 21 November 2023

Wards affected: All Wards

Report Title: Amendment to the Resources and Waste Management Strategy 2020-2023

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Resource and Waste Management Strategy 2020 – 2023 was approved by Council in February 2021. Amendments were agreed to the Strategy in August 2022 to remove reference to undertake a trial of a reduction in the frequency of residual waste collections.
- 1.2 The members of the Cabinet expressed a wish to make a further amendment to the Strategy to include a positive statement that fortnightly residual waste collections would continue.
- 1.3 As part of the Policy Framework, amendments to the Resource and Waste Management Strategy need to be subject to consultation and to this end the Chief Executive made a decision on it 5 October 2023 to launch that consultation.
- 1.4 The current Resource and Waste Management Strategy is available at: www.torbay.gov.uk/waste-management-strategy

2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

- 2.1 The proposals in this report help us to deliver our ambition by ensuring that there is a sustained focus on increasing recycling rates across Torbay.
- 2.2 The reason for the decision is to provide clarity within the Council's Policy Framework about the future plans for the collection of residual waste.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

That the Council be recommended to:

- a. Amend the sixth paragraph under Action 2 of the , with the Resource and Waste Management Strategy to read:

“Whilst we will maintain fortnightly residual waste collections, wWe will develop operational waste collection policies. This will , including a robust side waste policy with associated reporting by collection crews, which will help to target support to the correct households. Controls over residual waste delivered to the Household Waste Recycling Centre will also be implemented.”

- b. Extend the timeframe for the Strategy to 2025 so that work can continue against the Actions within the Strategy.

Supporting Information

Introduction

- 1.1 The Resource and Waste Management Strategy 2020 – 2023 was approved by Council in February 2021. Amendments were agreed to the Strategy in August 2022 to remove reference to undertake a trail of a reduction in the frequency of residual waste collections. The current strategy is available at: www.torbay.gov.uk/waste-management-strategy
- 1.2 The members of the Cabinet expressed a wish to make a further amendment to the Strategy to include a positive statement that fortnightly residual waste collections would continue.
- 1.3 As part of the Policy Framework, amendments to the Resource and Waste Management Strategy need to be subject to consultation and to this end the Chief Executive made a decision on it 5 October 2023 to launch that consultation.
- 1.4 Consultation of the proposed change to the Strategy took place between 10 October and 21 November 2023. This report includes the feedback from the consultation up to 17 November 2023 and any further feedback received up to the closing date will be reported to the Cabinet at its meeting.

2. Options under consideration

- 2.1 The alternative option would be to make no changes to the Resource and Waste Management Strategy. However, it is felt that the amendment in relation to the frequency of collection of residual waste provides clarity of the Council’s future plans in this regard.

3. Financial Opportunities and Implications

- 3.1 The Council and SWISCo will continue to encourage an increase in recycling and therefore a reduction in residual waste. Recovering more materials for recycling reduces the cost of

disposing of residual waste, and gives a double benefit because in most cases the material is recovered as recyclate which will have an associated income.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendation.

5. Engagement and Consultation

5.1 Consultation on the proposed change to the Resource and Waste Management Strategy was undertaken between 10 October and 21 November 2022. The consultation was promoted via the Council's social media channels and through articles in One Torbay (our weekly e-newsletter).

5.2 757 people visited at least one page of the consultation website, with 41 contributing to the poll on the proposed change to the Strategy. 207 people were "informed" in that downloaded a document from the website or visited multiple pages.

5.3 The consultation poll asked:

How strongly do you agree or not agree with the suggested amendment to the Resource and Waste Management Strategy?

20 people (50%) strongly agreed or agreed with the amendment

9 people (23%) disagreed or strongly disagreed

11 people (27%) didn't know whether they agreed or disagreed

(1 person skipped the question)

6. Purchasing or Hiring of Goods and/or Services

6.1 Not applicable

7. Tackling Climate Change

7.1 The Council remains committed to increasing recycling rates as part of tackling climate change. Work is continuing through a variety of means to encourage residents to recycle.

8. Associated Risks

8.1 There are no risks associated with this recommendation.

9. Equality Impacts - Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups

	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
Older or younger people			There is no differential impact.
People with caring Responsibilities			There is no differential impact.
People with a disability			There is no differential impact.
Women or men			There is no differential impact.
People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) (Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)			There is no differential impact.
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)			There is no differential impact.
People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual			There is no differential impact.
People who are transgendered			There is no differential impact.
People who are in a marriage or civil partnership			There is no differential impact.
Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave			There is no differential impact.
Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)			There is no differential impact.
Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)			There is no differential impact.

10. Cumulative Council Impact

10.1 None

11. Cumulative Community Impacts

11.1 None