

Record of Decisions

Resource Management and Waste Strategy

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 18 February 2021

Decision

- (i) that Cabinet recommends to Council that the Resource Management and Waste Strategy be approved; and
- (ii) Cabinet Decision:
 - (a) that the proposed trial of a three weekly collection be paused, whilst efforts are intensified in respect of educating, engaging and communicating with residents regarding recycling is undertaken, along with implementation of other aspects of the Resource Management and Waste Strategy in order to increase recycling rates; and
 - (b) that the covering report be updated in respect of the above prior to its submission to Council.

Reason for the Decision

To ensure the Council has a fit for purpose and up to date strategy for the management of resources and waste to reduce the amount of waste we generate and encourage greater reuse or recycling of materials.

The Cabinet's decision to pause the trial of the three weekly collection will enable intensified efforts of supporting, communicating and engaging with residents alongside other aspects of the strategy, in order to increase recycling rates.

Implementation

The recommendation of the Cabinet in (i) will be considered at the Council meeting on 25 February 2021 and the decision of the Cabinet in (ii) will come into force and may be implemented on 2 March 2021 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Resource and Waste Management Strategy set out the Council's strategy for managing waste and resources to help meet the priorities set out in the Community and Corporate Plan and to enable positive action to be taken to address concerns in respect of climate change. The Strategy had been subject to formal consultation and consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Board with the final Strategy being revised to taken into account some of the respondent's concerns.

The Cabinet, having considered the Officer's professional recommendation in respect of the benefits of a three weekly bin collection, determined that before any further consideration was

given to the trial of the same, there needed to be intensified efforts of supporting, communicating and engaging with residents alongside other aspects of the strategy, in order to increase recycling rates. As such, the Cabinet's decision above formally pauses the proposed trial of the three weekly bin collection.

Councillor Morey proposed and Councillor Steve Darling seconded a motion which was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I074476

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

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