

**Bolsover District Council**

**Customer Services Scrutiny Committee**

**19<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**Review of Waste and Recycling Collection Policy**

<b>Classification</b>	This report is public.
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Steve Brunt (Strategic Director of Services)

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT**

- To inform Members of Customer Services Scrutiny Committee of changes to the Council's Waste and Recycling Collection Policy to accommodate inclusion of separate weekly food waste collection arrangements from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.
  - To provide Members of the Committee opportunity in developing the revised policy to include the Council's new food waste collection duty and consideration of the wider policy document remaining fit for purpose in meeting the District's waste collection arrangements.
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**REPORT DETAILS**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 The Waste and Recycling Collection Policy was adopted by the Council 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013; further to which, subsequent reviews have been undertaken by way of officer delegated authority to reflect minor changes.
- 1.2 The policy now has need to incorporate arrangement for separate weekly collection of food waste by not later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. The policy has therefore been updated to reflect requirement (attached **Appendix 1**).
- 1.3 The Council currently collects food waste mixed with garden waste by way of green bins on a fortnightly basis between March and November; however, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 food waste will be collected in separate 23litre caddy\bins, on a weekly frequency throughout the year. This represents a large change in policy position, hence seeking CSSC Member assistance in developing policy changes prior to seeking Executive approval.
- 1.4 Food waste caddy bins have been purchased and stored at one of the Council's business centres. They will be distributed throughout February and March 2026 in anticipation of service commencement.

**2. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 To update the policy to reflect the Council's new duty to understand separate weekly food waste collection by not later than ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

### 3 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 3.1 Not implementing the food waste weekly collection is not an option open to the Council as it has a legal duty to undertake them from not later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

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### RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Committee note changes to the Waste and Recycling Collection Policy and provide comment in its further development prior to seeking Executive approval.

Approved by Councillor Hiney-Saunders Portfolio Holder for the Environment.

#### IMPLICATIONS.

**Finance and Risk:** Yes ☐ No ☒

**Details:**

Whilst there are no direct costs arising from this policy, there will be operational costs associated with delivery of weekly food waste collections.

The Council has previously received new burdens capital funding to facilitate purchase of waste collection vehicles and caddy\bins. Orders have been previously placed, arising from which, caddy\bins have been received and stored at one of the Council's business premises with collection vehicle delivery anticipate November\December 2025.

The Council is awaiting confirmation on new burdens revenue funding to meet cost of operational service delivery; further to which, this will be subject to a report to Council to establish budget and increase in the Council establishment for 21 (approx.) staff.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

**Legal (including Data Protection):** Yes ☒ No ☐

**Details:**

Section 57 of [The Environment Act 2021](#) (Separation of Waste) amends the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (s45A) in regard of Waste Collection Authorities duties and inserts new Sections 45AZA to 45AZG, setting out Government's 'Simpler Recycling' arrangements and the new duty of separate weekly food waste collection.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

**Environment:** Yes ☒ No ☐

**Details:**

Introduction of weekly food waste collections presents opportunity for the Council to increase its combined recycling rate to above 50% (approx.) was it to achieve a 50% diversion of putrescible (organic) waste from the black bin (residual) waste stream.

**Staffing:** Yes ☐ No ☒

**Details:**

None arising from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

## DECISION INFORMATION

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards, or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:  <b>Revenue - £75,000</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Capital - £150,000</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies.</i>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	No

<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	(Please state which wards or state All if all wards are affected)  All Wards
<b>Consultation:</b> <b>Leader / Deputy Leader</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SLT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Relevant Service Manager</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Members</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Public</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Details:</u>  Customer Services Scrutiny Committee

<b>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, and Environment.</b> <b>Customers</b> – Improving health, safety, wellbeing and access to services. <b>Environment</b> – collection of waste, increasing recycling, reducing landfill disposal and carbon emissions.
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DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix	Title
1	Waste and Recycling Collection Policy

<b>Background Papers</b> <i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>
N/a