



Derby City Council

**Communities Scrutiny Review Board  
26 November 2018**

Report of the Strategic Director Communities  
and Place.

# ITEM 5

## **Garden (including Food) Waste Recycling Scheme**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Members of the Board have sought information concerning the Garden (including Food) Waste Recycling Scheme. This report sets out the broad proposal for this service.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To ensure that Board members are aware of the proposals for the Garden (including Food) Waste Recycling Scheme.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 Officers have been asked to look at introducing a free Garden (including Food) Waste Recycling Scheme. A report has been produced which is attached at appendix 2, this report is going to cabinet on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 for a formal decision.
- 4.2 The implementation of a scheme that provides a free and improved garden (including food) waste recycling service to Derby residents in the most cost effective and environmentally sustainable way.
- 4.3 To maximise the benefits of introducing a free service for garden (including food) waste recycling, approximately 80,000 suitable homes will be targeted. These are homes that would generate their own garden waste so are considered the most suitable for the scheme. This includes the 13,000 households that currently pay for their garden waste recycling (brown bin) service.
- 4.4 It is proposed to implement the free service in the following stages which is anticipated will maximise the brown bins in the community and minimise the costs for providing bins, whilst diverting as much waste as possible, as soon as possible in year one to reduce disposal costs. It is proposed that:
- Those 13,000 households currently part of the paid for scheme will be

automatically transferred onto the free scheme from April 2019

- Asking those households who may still have a brown bin to register by 1 March 2019 to participate in the free scheme from April 2019
- Asking remaining households, who require a new bin, to register by 1 March 2019 to participate in the free scheme with collection from 1 August 2019

4.4 A phased approach will allow the Council time to communicate and engage with households to assess how many brown bins are still within the city from the previous scheme. At the time of the cessation of the previous free scheme in 2014, households were given the options to:

- Use their brown bins and sign up for the new paid for scheme (13,000 households signed up to the scheme)
- Retain their bin for personal use
- Return their brown bin to the council via a kerbside collection process

4.5 Once fully rolled out, these 80,000 households will be able to use their brown bin for recycling both garden and food waste. The inclusion of food waste will divert more waste from the general household waste collection as well as provide a pathway for the Council to implement food waste recycling should the government mandate the collection of food waste to meet the 2030 ambition to have no food waste going into landfill.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 A number of other options have been considered but the recommended option was deemed more financially viable and environmentally sustainable whilst providing a free and enhanced service for Derby residents:

- 32 week free collections with bin provided to households by the Council
- 32 week paid-for scheme but reduce the costs to encourage more take up
- 52 week free collections with residents purchasing or providing their own bin

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b>	N/A
<b>Financial officer</b>	N/A
<b>Human Resources officer</b>	N/A
<b>Estates/Property officer</b>	N/A
<b>Service Director(s)</b>	Mags Young – Director of Communities and Place, Richard Antcliff – Director of Community Safety and Streetpride.
<b>Other(s)</b>	

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## Appendix 1

## IMPLICATIONS

### Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 As set out in the cabinet report

### Legal

- 2.1 In 2014 Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council jointly entered into an agreement with RRS (Derbyshire) Limited for the delivery of the Derbyshire and Derby City Long Term Waste Management Project, which included the delivery of the new waste treatment facility (NWTF) at Sinfin (“Project Agreement”). Any proposal, which if implemented will result in a reduction of waste tonnages delivered to the NWTF by the City Council, must be considered in light of a legal and financial analysis of the Project Agreement and associated documentation. This analysis is set out in the confidential Annex 1 to this report.

### Personnel

- 3.1 17 new posts will be created in the service, including driver, driver/collector and collector positions. These will be new employment opportunities and will be recruited to in line with the Council’s recruitment processes.

### IT

- 4.1 Business as usual

### Equalities Impact

- 5.1 An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken and is attached as appendix 2. Key points to note include the following:
  - The new garden (including food) waste recycling scheme will be accessible to more households in the city than the current scheme and will be available free of charge
  - It will be covered by the existing assisted collection scheme arrangements, which are available, on request, to anyone within the community who needs

help putting their bins out

- Whilst the service may not be suitable for and available to all households, all requests to participate in the scheme will be considered on a needs basis
- Information about the service will be available in a range of languages and formats on request

## **Health and Safety**

6.1 Business as usual

## **Environmental Sustainability**

7.1 The implementation of the scheme will result in an increase in recycling rates and a reduction in residual waste arising.

## **Property and Asset Management**

8.1 Business as usual

## **Risk Management and Safeguarding**

9.1 Key risks are as highlighted in the main body of the report and financial/legal implications. They include:

- Households not registering to say they have a bin not currently being used – this will be mitigated by a communication campaign to encourage as many households as possible to let the Council know that they have a brown bin and wish to join the scheme from April 2019
- Households still using their black bins, which could impact on the Council's ability to achieve the diversion rates that the costing has been modelled on – this will be mitigated through the communication campaign and ongoing monitoring and enforcement
- Households not complying with the requirements of the scheme which may result in contamination of the garden and food recycling – this will be mitigated through the communication campaign and ongoing monitoring and enforcement
- Any changes to costs used in the financial modelling – this will be mitigated through financial monitoring, procurement and contract management

9.2 These risks will be added to the departmental risk register for ongoing monitoring and mitigation.

## **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 10.1 Working towards the implementation of free brown bin collection was a specific action included in the Council Delivery Plan 2018/19 (as approved by Cabinet in August 2018). The recommendations contained within this report will achieve this.