

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET – 21 OCTOBER 2014**

Title of report	<b>REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS POLICY</b>
Key Decision	a) Financial No b) Community Yes
Contacts	Councillor Alison Smith MBE 01530 835668 <a href="mailto:alison.smith@nwleicestershire.gov.uk">alison.smith@nwleicestershire.gov.uk</a>  Director of Services 01530 454555 <a href="mailto:steve.bambrick@nwleicestershire.gov.uk">steve.bambrick@nwleicestershire.gov.uk</a>  Head of Community Services 01530 454832 <a href="mailto:john.richardson@nwleicestershire.gov.uk">john.richardson@nwleicestershire.gov.uk</a>
Purpose of report	To seek approval from Cabinet for amendments to the Refuse and Recycling Collections Policy and for authority to make subsequent minor amendments to be delegated to the Director of Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.
Reason for Decision	To provide officers with a clear policy framework for the operation of the Refuse and Recycling collection service.
Council Priorities	Homes and Communities Value For Money Green Footprints
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	No implications identified
Link to relevant CAT	Green Footprints Action Team
Risk Management	All identified risks have been considered
Equalities Impact Assessment	An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for the Policy
Human Rights	Not Applicable
Transformational Government	Not Applicable

Comments of Head of Paid Service	The report is satisfactory
Comments of Section 151 Officer	The report is satisfactory
Comments of Monitoring Officer	The report is satisfactory
Consultees	Portfolio Holder
Background papers	<a href="#">Cabinet 22 October 2013</a> <a href="#">Refuse and Recycling Policy, Policy Development Group, 02 October 2013</a>
Recommendations	<p><b>THAT CABINET:</b></p> <p><b>1) APPROVES THE AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS POLICY; AND</b></p> <p><b>2) DELEGATES AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF SERVICES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER TO MAKE MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICY</b></p>

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Cabinet approved the Council's first Refuse and Recycling Collections policy on 22 October 2013.
- 1.2 One year on the policy requires some minor amendments and clarifications as outlined in section 2.

## 2.0 POLICY UPDATES

- 2.1 The following is a summary of the proposed changes (the updated Policy with tracked changes is included at Appendix 1):

### Section 5 of the policy – Additional waste and recycling containers

5.0 to remove the word 'Additional' from the section title as this section relates to both replacement and additional containers.

5.1 has been amended to clarify that the policy which applies to all new households with between 1 and 3 people who permanently reside at a property are issued with a 180l bin also applies to replacement refuse bins at existing properties. For example, a

damaged 240l bin at any existing property will be replaced with a 180l bin unless there are more than three people permanently residing at the property.

5.6 is to be deleted. At the time of writing the policy in October 2013, the Council was undertaking a trial to use a wheeled bin for plastics and cans for residents who have large numbers of red boxes. Unfortunately, the trial was unsuccessful as the kerbside vehicles were not able to reliably lift the wheeled bins on a regular basis. This provision is no longer being considered.

Sections 2.0, 4.10, 5.3, have been updated to reflect comments made by Policy Development Group on 2 October 2013. The policy published following Cabinet's meeting on 22 October 2013 was not updated to include the recommendations of Policy Development Group which were noted and adopted by Cabinet. However, in practical terms the service has adopted the recommendations and is delivering in accordance with these recommendations.

Appendix 1 is to be deleted as the content is now included within the Policy.

### **3.0 POLICY REVIEW PROCESS**

- 3.1 A new Section 9 has been included to provide clarity on the process for updating the policy. It is proposed that any formatting amendments, minor operational changes or technical/annual updates such as performance data would be amended by the Director of Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.
- 3.2 Major changes which the Director of Services and Portfolio Holder consider will have a significant impact on residents will be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

### **4.0 NEXT STEPS**

- 4.1 If Cabinet approves the proposed amendments to the Refuse and Recycling Collections policy and approves the process of future policy amendments then the following steps will be taken:
  - The updated policy as attached at Appendix 1 will be published on the Council's web site.
  - Any future amendments will be summarised and a notice placed on the relevant pages of the Council's website.