

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026

ITEM 6 – CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

Scrutiny comments on the New Recycling Containers Update

Date considered by Cabinet: 28 July 2026

	Comments/recommendations from scrutiny	Advice provided by officers at the Scrutiny meeting	Cabinet response
C1	Project process: Members welcomed the progress made to date on the project particularly: - the significant amount of work undertaken to reach the implementation stage, - the decision to avoid branding on containers in light of local government reorganisation, and - substantial public response supporting the twin-bin option.	-	Noted.
C2	Container Proposals: Members supported the proposed recycling system and bin lid colours.	-	Noted.
C3	Food waste containers: During discussion, members felt that wording relating to food waste liners was confusing as it could be interpreted that residents were required to use plastic or compostable liners. Members suggested that this wording be clarified in the service statement to make clear that liners are optional rather than mandatory.	Officers confirmed that residents would not be required to use any type of liner and that food waste could be placed directly into the container, wrapped in newspaper, placed in ordinary plastic bags or compostable bags. Officers accepted the suggestion to clarify the wording in the policy and communications materials.	Noted.

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C4	Impact on street litter: Members recognised the potential for the scheme to reduce litter associated with the existing recycling bags and boxes.	Officers explained that experiences from other councils that had implemented the twin-bin system showed a significant reduction in street litter. Officers expected the project to deliver similar benefits within North West Leicestershire.	Noted and expressed they were hopeful that street litter would be less visible from the fortnightly recycling.