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Changing refuse and recycling collections within the Mackworth and New Zealand ward

Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval to change refuse collections on a number of streets within the Mackworth and New Zealand ward, which currently has a weekly residual waste (black bin) collection, an opt-in fortnightly dry recyclable (blue bin) collection and an opt-in fortnightly organic (brown bin) collection. This change will introduce fortnightly residual waste (black bin) collections and fortnightly dry recyclable (blue bin) collections. We will continue to offer an opt-in fortnightly organic (brown bin) collection on request.
- 1.2 To increase the collection of dry recyclables, which is in line with the waste strategy, and enable residents to positively contribute by recycling at home.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve changing refuse collections on a number of streets, set out in paragraph 4.3, within the Mackworth and New Zealand ward.
- 2.2 To approve the proposals for resident engagement, set out in paragraph 5.1. This involves direct communication and engagement with residents at all properties affected, covering the change in collection arrangements and about using the recycling service.
- 2.3 To delegate the Director of Communities, in consultation with Cabinet member for Communities and Streetpride, authority to implement the recommended changes in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2.

Reasons

- 3.1 The streets set out in paragraph 4.3 currently have a weekly residual waste (black bin) collection. There is also an opt-in arrangement of a fortnightly dry recyclable (blue bin) collection and an opt-in fortnightly organic (brown bin) collection.
- 3.2 This change aims to increase the collection of dry recyclable material, which is in line with the waste strategy, and enable residents to positively contribute by recycling at home.
- 3.3 The reasoning and background information to why these streets have a weekly residual waste (black bin) collection is contained within the supporting information of this report.
- 3.4 To improve the efficiency of the collection service. 74% of properties on the streets where this change will affect have already opted in to using the dry recyclable service (blue bin). Choosing to opt into this service demonstrates that many residents want to recycle, making a weekly refuse collection redundant. This will also reduce the frequency at which bins are presented for collection, reducing bins on streets.

- 3.5 To bring the area into line with the majority of the city in terms of waste collection frequency, thereby encouraging waste reduction and further encouraging recycling.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The standard collections in the City at domestic properties are fortnightly residual waste (black bin) collections, fortnightly dry recyclable (blue bin) collections and fortnightly organic (brown bin) collections.

In May 2013 Cabinet considered a report which covered a number of waste related items. One part of this report was to remove the dry recyclable service (blue bins) from a number of properties within the inner city wards (Arboretum, Normanton and Mackworth) due to high levels of contamination and bins on streets issues. This part of the report was approved.

In July 2019 Cabinet considered a further report, to reintroduce the dry recyclable service (blue bins) in Arboretum, Normanton and Mackworth. This report approved an opt-in service for blue bins within these wards.

- 4.2 Within the Mackworth and New Zealand ward, there are 498 properties across eight streets which have a weekly residual (black bin) collection.

368 of these properties have opted into the dry recyclable scheme, and currently have a fortnightly blue bin collection.

The properties which have opted into this scheme, continue to have a weekly residual waste collection. The decision to continue to provide a weekly residual waste collection for properties which have opted in and have a dry recyclable collection, was based on promoting and encouraging residents to opt in, and not be put off by this reducing their residual (black bin) waste collections.

- 4.3 The streets affected are Brough Street, Champion Street, Cecil Street, Langley Street, Leake Street, Peach Street, Stepping Lane and Wild Street.
- 4.4 This is in line with mandated Government policies. 'Our waste, our resources: A strategy for England' which aims to encourage householders to recycle more.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 If the recommendations within this report are approved, there will be direct communication and engagement with residents at all properties affected. This engagement will cover the bin collection changes, and also communication around using the dry recyclable service to residents who are not currently opted into the scheme.
- 5.2 Engaged with the local ward councillors for the Mackworth and New Zealand ward.

Other options

- 6.1 Continue to provide a weekly residual waste (black bin) collection, while promoting the opt in dry recycling service.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 We do not anticipate any ongoing costs for this change, as the number of properties affected make up a small proportion of the current refuse collection rounds.

- 7.2 Introducing dry recycling and reducing residual waste collections will reduce disposal costs, because the cost of disposing of dry recycling is lower than the disposal of residual waste. This assumes that the properties which are not currently opted into the service and are introduced to dry recycling do not have contamination issues.
- 7.3 There will be a one-off cost of £2,359.50 to introduce this service. This is for the supply of bins to properties on the affected streets which are currently not opted into the dry recycling scheme. This cost will be managed within Streetpride budgets and the reduced disposal costs of dry recycling.

Legal implications

- 8.1 This is in line with the expectations of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, by further encouraging the separate collection of recycling.
- 8.2 This change will help to align current services to meet the future requirements contained in the Environment Act 2021.

Climate implications

- 9.1 This change will promote recycling and decrease our carbon footprint, by providing a dry recyclable (blue) bin to every property in this area which does not have one. Engagement and correct usage of these bins will divert waste from the residual waste stream, to recyclable waste.

Reducing the frequency the residual (black) bins are collected, aims to reduce waste entering the bin and further promotes recycling.

By reducing the residual collections to fortnightly, the properties that currently have a residual (black) bin and a dry recyclable (blue) bin, are reducing the number of collections from three collections to two collections within a two week period. This reduction, in relation to the collection vehicle, will have a positive environmental impact and reduce our carbon footprint.

Socio-Economic implications

- 10.1 No significant socio-economic implications identified. However, in relation to equalities, the change will be communicated and wherever possible pictorial leaflets will be used to ensure the change is understood across the different languages.

Other significant implications

- 11.1 No other significant implications identified.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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