

PART A - Initial Impact Assessment

Proposal Name: Food Waste Recycling Collection Service

EIA ID: 2256

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Proposal Outline:

The Environment Act was enacted into UK law in 2021 and sets out the mandatory requirement to introduce separate, weekly food waste collections. The purpose of this report is to gain approval for the service parameters associated with a citywide roll out of separate, weekly food waste recycling collections. Once agreed, the council can fully negotiate the commercial terms and service costs with Veolia, source the containers needed, and Veolia can progress securing the collection vehicles (minimum 12 month delivery time) and treatment route for the food waste collected. This will ensure the council is well placed to introduce the service by in accordance with timescales to be confirmed by Government, and expected after October 2025. The report follows the delivery of a 12-week separate food waste collection trial for 8,000 households between September and December 2022, as approved at the Waste and Street Scene Committee meeting on 23rd June (EIA: 1198). The reports recognises the complexity of the commercial negotiations required, and need to procure vehicles, containers and secure treatment capacity in order to meet the March 2025 timescales. The report includes provision to carry out further consultation, delegating to the Dir. of Street Scene & Regulations for finalising the Equality Impact Assessment and any amends to the service parameters arising from this.

Proposal Type: Non-Budget

Year Of Proposal: 25/26

Lead Director for proposal: Richard Eyre

Service Area: Waste Management

EIA Start Date: 24/07/2023

Lead Equality Objective: Understanding Communities

Equality Lead Officer: Louise Nunn

Decision Type

Committees: Policy Committees

- Waste & Street Scene

Portfolio

Primary Portfolio: Neighbourhood Services

EIA is cross portfolio: No

EIA is joint with another organisation: No

Overview of Impact

Overview Summary:

Overall there are no significant differential, positive or negative, equality impacts from this proposal. The service should have a positive impact by providing an improved recycling service for customers. As is the case for the existing black and recycling wheeled bin collection services, the standard food waste collection service provided will require customers to move their outdoor food waste bin to the pavement from their property for collection, and then return their bin after collection has been carried out. Assisted collections are available to customers on application, who due to an

age related, medical, or disability reason or due to being pregnant are unable to present their wheeled bins for collection. An assisted collection service will also be made available for customers requiring assistance with their food waste collection. Once an application for an assisted collection has been approved, the collection crew will collect and then return the outside food waste bin from the customer's property boundary after collection. We are aware that the food waste caddies are smaller than the wheeled bins used for the existing waste and recycling collections. The extra container placed out for collection on the pavement, alongside the smaller nature of the outside food waste bin which may make them more difficult to see, may present an increased issue for people with visual impairments, using wheelchairs and pushchairs, when using the pavement. 10% of respondents to the food waste trial survey indicated that their food waste bin had blown down the street when presenting their bin on the pavement, and the report recommends that the presentation point be changed to the property curtilage (within the property boundary) to reduce the risk of bins blowing down the street. Following approval of the recommendations in the report, further citywide consultation will take place, and this will be made available to public groups and organisations. The report seeks approval to delegate responsibility to the Dir. of Street Scene & Regulations for finalising the Equality Impact Assessment and any amends to the service parameters arising from this.

Impacted characteristics:

- Age
- Disability
- Pregnancy/Maternity

Consultation and other engagement

Cumulative Impact

Does the proposal have a cumulative impact:

No

Impact areas:

Initial Sign-Off

Full impact assessment required: No

Review Date: 24/07/2023

Action Plan & Supporting Evidence

Outline of action plan:

Action plan evidence:

Changes made as a result of action plan:

Mitigation

Significant risk after mitigation measures:

Outline of impact and risks:

Review Date

Review Date: 24/07/2023