

Executive Advisory Panel Service Delivery, Performance and Customers

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Report Title	North Northamptonshire Waste & Recycling Policy & Street Cleansing Policies
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Appendix A – Household Waste & Recycling Policy

Appendix B – Street Cleansing Policy

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report and attached documents are to seek comments from the Service Delivery, Performance and Customers Executive Advisory Panel to inform the Executive decision in relation to the approval of the following documents:
- North Northamptonshire Waste and Recycling Policy
 - North Northamptonshire Street Cleansing Policy
- 1.2. These policies were drafted as a whole Council document ready for vesting day and approved in principle by Shadow Executive in February 2021, however following some updates and amendments require Executive approval.

2. Information

- 2.1 This report summarises the main policies for waste, recycling and street cleansing services delivered across North Northamptonshire. The policies agreed by the Shadow Executive in February 2021 were developed to create a set of harmonised standards for waste, recycling and street cleansing. Following implementation over the last six months, the policies have been reviewed and minor amendments made. In addition, a proposed process to deal with wheeled bins left on streets is incorporated.

2.2 The attached policy documents cover several service areas and the policies associated with delivering these services. These include:

- Residual waste collection
- Recycling
- Food waste
- Garden waste
- WEEE (waste electrical and electronic equipment) collections
- Bulky waste collections
- Commercial / trade waste
- Clinical waste
- Household Waste Recycling Centres
- Street Cleansing

2.3 There are still some policies which require further work to harmonise. Further information on these is detailed later in the report.

3. Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that the Service Delivery, Performance and Customers Executive Advisory Panel:

- a) Considers the Household Waste and Recycling and Street Cleansing Policies; and
- b) Provides feedback to the Executive to inform their decision making at its meeting on 18th November 2021

4. Report Background

4.1 The Waste and Recycling Policy and Street Cleansing Policy were developed to ensure that on vesting day, North Northamptonshire had a set of harmonised policies in relation to these services where possible as there had previously been several differing policies in place.

4.2 The harmonisation of the policies ensured there was a clearly defined set of policies and standards across the service to avoid uncertainty for residents, customers, Elected Members and Officers of NNC.

4.3 By harmonising policies and standards where possible it has allowed the development of consistent communications messages and promotion of services and tries to minimise confusion for residents with different services being delivered in different areas.

5. Issues and Choices

5.1 Where possible the policies were harmonised and implemented on 1st April 2021, however due to some contractual arrangements and different service

delivery methods some services were unable to be harmonised and will require key decisions from Members on their future operation. In particular, food waste collections (currently operated in East Northamptonshire and Corby areas), and garden waste collections (currently a paid-for service in East Northamptonshire, but not in the other areas).

- 5.2 It is proposed that further reports will be brought to Executive on the garden waste and the food waste services. Proposals for these services will also need to be considered in line with any outcomes from the Government's recent consultation on the future operation of these services by Councils.
- 5.3 The previous report to Shadow Executive included within the waste policies a proposal to harmonise the WEEE collection service (currently offered in the East Northamptonshire area) across North Northamptonshire on a phased basis. Further work on the implementation of this service has shown that there will be financial implications to introducing this service. These are detailed in section 6.1.2.

6. Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Resources and Financial

- 6.1.1 This report and policies do not address the need to harmonise the food waste and garden waste services. Further reports on these services will be brought back for consideration by Members and will include financial impacts of any future changes proposed.
- 6.1.2 The introduction of small WEEE collections within Corby and Kettering areas will incur processing and disposal costs. Based on the service currently operating in East Northamptonshire and dependant on participation this is estimated to be approximately £25-£30k per annum. The cages required for the service are already on the collection vehicles in this area so no adaption to vehicles is required. In addition, we have applied for an external grant for funding to promote the introduction of this scheme in 2022.
- 6.1.3 If the service is rolled out in the Wellingborough area at a later date there will be additional disposal costs and the cost of cages on the collection vehicles when they are replaced (the current vehicles are not suitable), as well as promotional costs.
- 6.1.4 Alternatively, the collection service for small WEEE could be withdrawn in East Northamptonshire to harmonise the service across North Northamptonshire. This could result in this material which is potentially hazardous being disposed of in the residual waste bin rather than being responsibly processed.

6.2 Legal

- 6.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from the proposals. The powers relied on are provided by the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Localism Act 2011 and other relevant legislation.

6.3 Risk

6.3.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

6.4 Consultation

6.4.1 The public have not been consulted during the production of these proposals as they make minor amendments to the previously agreed proposals and have been designed to ensure we meet our statutory requirements for these services.

6.5 Consideration by Scrutiny

6.5.1 This report has not been considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

6.6 Climate Impact

6.6.1 The policies have been developed to take into account the waste hierarchy, encouraging waste minimisation and encouraging waste to be recycled rather than disposed of.

6.6.2 The street cleansing policies are designed to remove fly tipping, graffiti and fly posting speedily to discourage further dumping and other postings.

6.7 Community Impact

6.7.1 Waste and recycling services are essential to support a safe and healthy environment in which to live. These policies seek to maintain and promote a healthy, safe, and environmentally sustainable community.

7. Background Papers

7.1 None.