

# CABINET

Agenda Item: 16

**Ward:** All

**Portfolio:** Neighbourhood Services

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**SUBJECT: Recycle More**

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<b>Summary:</b>	<p>The collection of domestic waste is a statutory duty of the District Council with disposal being the responsibility of the County Council.</p> <p>MDC like all the others in Somerset meets its statutory requirements through the Somerset Waste Partnership who manage the domestic collection and disposal on our behalf.</p> <p>The report attached has been prepared by the Somerset Waste Partnership for consideration by all the partners.</p> <p>The report covers the environmental and financial benefits of moving to new Recycle More collection services, which will increase recycling and meet public aspirations to recycle more materials, including plastic pots, tubs and trays.</p> <p>Feedback from partners will be reported to Somerset Waste Board in December 2016, with a view to a final decision then being taken on the new collections, which will also follow negotiations being finalised with SWP's collection contractor, Kier MG CIC.</p> <p>If approved, Recycle More services would then be rolled out to all district areas in Somerset from Autumn 2017.</p>		
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<p><b>T Cabinet is recommended to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>ote the preferred option for future Recycle More collections, with arrangements as detailed in 2.6 and 2.7 and proposed communications plan in 4.6.</b></li></ol>		

	<p><b>2. Provide feedback which will be included in a final report to Somerset Waste Board in December 2016, with a view to delivery of the Recycle More collections as a central part of SWP's Business Plan 2017-22.</b></p>
<p><b>Direct and/or indirect impact on service delivery to our customers and communities:</b></p>	<p>Service arrangements proposed for Recycle More household collections are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued weekly food waste collections.</li> <li>• Continued weekly recycling collections using the kerbside sort method with the following added to materials accepted: plastic pots, tubs and trays, small electrical appliances and batteries.</li> <li>• An additional reusable bag with cover provided for plastics and cans.</li> <li>• Refuse collected every three weeks. Current guidelines for refuse capacity will be applied and, where needed and requested, additional sack or bin capacity will be provided for nappies and adult hygiene products.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contribution to Corporate Priorities:</b></p>	<p>The Recycle More proposal meets a priority in SWP's Business Plan 2016-2021 for "implementation of service changes resulting from decisions taken following collection service review".</p> <p>It yields a significant financial annual saving from 2019/20.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing implications: Nappies and Adult hygiene products have been considered as part of the business case and there are options available on a per house basis, as referenced in appendix C.</p>
<p><b>Legal Implications:</b></p>	<p>The agreement that created the partnership is one that does not allow a single authority to leave the partnership without substantial costs. It is therefore essential that each partner reaches agreement on any change of this scale.</p>
<p><b>Financial Implications:</b></p>	<p>The Recycle More service arrangements will result in a saving on the service cost in Mendip district of £234,000 per annum on completion and recovery of roll out costs in 2019/20. This is 7.2% of the current annual cost of the service. The predicted budgets are based upon a number of assumptions that are discussed in the report, confidential appendix A, in summary these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assumptions relating to recycling quantities achieved</li> <li>• Roll-out costs</li> <li>• Collection depot costs</li> </ul>
<p><b>Impact on Service Plans:</b></p>	<p>See main report</p>

<p><b>Value for Money:</b></p>	<p>The cost of waste collection per household in Mendip district is £62.69 per household in 2016/17.</p> <p>Benchmarking data for the collection of waste indicates that compared with a basket of district and borough councils in the South West the cost of waste collection per household in Mendip is in the lowest quartile even before introducing the savings through Recycle More.</p> <p>Mendip district waste collection cost through the proposed Recycle More methodology would be £59.11 per household.</p>
<p><b>Equalities Implications:</b></p>	<p>An equalities impact assessment has been carried out by SWP. See appendix B to the report.</p>
<p><b>Risk Assessment and Adverse Impact on Corporate Actions:</b></p>	<p>The principal risks are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Reputational</li> <li>b) Financial</li> </ul> <p>See main report and confidential appendix A for discussion of risks.</p>
<p><b>Scrutiny Recommendation (if any)</b></p>	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note the preferred option for future Recycle More collections, with arrangements as detailed in 2.6 and 2.7 and proposed communications plan in 4.6.
2. Provide feedback which will be included in a final report to Somerset Waste Board in December 2016, with a view to delivery of the Recycle More collections as a central part of SWP's Business Plan 2017-22.

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Feedback from all partners on the Recycle More report is needed by the Somerset Waste Board which meets on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 to make a final decision on the future of the project.

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**List of background Papers:**

**See main report**