



## Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

### Forward timetable of consultation and decision making

Executive 28 January 2026

Wards affected: All

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### **Waste Collection Policy**

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#### Report of Director Corporate and Street Scene Services

##### **1. Purpose of report**

1.1 To seek agreement to update the Waste Collection Policy.

##### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 Executive agree to the updated Waste Collection Policy and its implementation from 1 March 2026.

2.2 Executive agree delegation for the Director (Corporate and Street Scene Services) and the Executive Lead (Neighbourhood Services) to update the materials accepted / prohibited to comply with the governments simpler recycling reforms, as the dry recycling re-processor makes changes (3.13).

2.3 Executive agree to the minor changes to fees and charges contained within the policy being included in the annual fees and charges report to Council February 2026.

##### **3. Background to the report**

3.1 The “Wheeled bin and container policy” was agreed in 2013 and now needs updating to include the new food waste collections, and other minor changes which support the efficient operation of the service and the aims of the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy which was adopted in 2022. The policy has been widened to include other waste collections made by Street Scene Services. The updated policy is in Appendix one, the key changes are mainly operational and are detailed below:

3.2 Introduction (Section 1). This has been updated to reflect national policy changes (simpler recycling reforms), the updated corporate plan, and the

Leicestershire Joint Resources and Waste Strategy adopted by the Council in 2022.

- 3.3 Food waste, bulky collections, big bin, special collections and fly tipping / litter and dog fouling added throughout the document
- 3.4 Accepted and prohibited materials (Section 3). Prohibited items are now listed to raise awareness and increase recycling / reduce contamination. Note these materials have not changed and bins containing the prohibited list are already routinely rejected by collection crews. Plastic and metal tubes can now be recycled, and a clarification is added for dry recyclable items which are too dirty or degraded for recycling or cannot be cleaned with reasonable effort. A sticker will be added to the lid of all residual waste bins (black bins) as part of food waste collection roll out identifying all items which must be placed in the other recycling bins.
- 3.5 Collection points and times (Section 4). Confirmation added that where bin presentation points are disputed, after careful consideration and consultation with ward members, the decision of the waste management team will be final. The early presentation time for high temperatures is also added which is now custom and practice during hotter periods.
- 3.6 Bins left on streets (Section 7). Addition of the use of Public Space Protection Orders in areas where bins are repeatedly left out on the street causing issues.
- 3.7 Assisted collections (Section 8). Confirmation that access rights are required and permission must be granted for collection and return of bins.
- 3.8 Overfilled, overweight and contaminated bins (Section 10). Strengthened policy on prohibited items in refuse / black (not recyclable bin) to support Leicestershire resources and waste strategy and reduce the risk of fires on vehicles.
- 3.9 Bin Size and additional containers (Section 11). The changes here are to reduce the number of households with extra residual waste capacity in line with the Leicestershire policy which in turn will increase recycling participation.
  - Confirmation garden bins will be removed if they are presented without the correct payment sticker displayed.
  - Confirmation of current practice of that households with bins 360l and larger will be regularly audited and bins reissued in line with bin size policy.
  - 50% reduction in the fee for a replacement refuse bin if residents opt for a smaller bin than due for their household size.
- 3.10 New developments (Section 14). Confirmation of the importance of developers providing bin presentation points for private roads, and expectation that developers and landlords will pay for bins for new

developments but this is an agreement between the developer / landlord and the residents.

- 3.11 Bins / containers for new occupancies (Section 15). Confirmation that other than where wheeled bins cannot be provided residents will be required to have black and blue lidded bins and food waste caddy as a minimum.
- 3.12 The policy will come into place from 1 March 2026, when food waste roll out will be complete, and new fees and charges will apply from 1 April 2026.
- 3.13 Further changes need to be made to the dry recycling materials which HBBC collect by 1 April 2027 as part of the Governments Simpler Recycling reforms. HBBC are reliant on LCC and their dry recycling contractor to do this. For example, additional types of plastic film must be collected and recycled. Delegation is sought for the Director (Corporate and Street Scene Services) and the Executive lead (Neighbourhood Services) to update the materials accepted / prohibited as these changes are made.

#### **4. Exemptions in accordance with the Access to Information procedure rules**

- 4.1 The report can be taken in public session.

#### **5. Financial implications (AA)**

- 5.1 Based in 3.9 above if the residents decide to request a smaller bin, in future overall income will reduce. Any associated changes in the budget will require approval in accordance with financial procedure rules.

#### **6. Legal implications (ST)**

- 6.1 The “Simpler Recycling Regulations” come into force on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, requiring all local authorities to implement the standardised core recycling collections, as covered by this report.

#### **7. Corporate Plan implications**

- 7.1 The Council’s Corporate Plan (2024-2028) includes commitments to increasing recycling, work towards a greener borough, and promoting sustainable development and initiatives to reduce the carbon footprint of the Borough. By increasing recycling and reducing residual waste this policy achieves the corporate plan aims

#### **8. Consultation**

- 8.1 Extensive consultation was undertaken in 2021 across Leicestershire as part of the development of the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022- 2050. This consultation led to the development of the Strategy and pledges which HBBC adopted in 2022. The changes to this policy support the Strategy and pledges and therefore implement the consultation findings.

- 8.2 The strategy can be found here: [About Us | Less Waste](#)
- 8.3 Many of the updates to the policy are operational and are already custom and practice and therefore do not require further consultation. For example, early start times in extreme heat, removal of persistently presented brown bins without payment sticker, prohibited items in certain bin types.
- 8.4 The new food waste collection is a statutory requirement from 1 April 2026. Consultation is therefore deemed unnecessary as it must be provided.

## 9. Risk implications

- 9.1 It is the council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.
- 9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.
- 9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

### Management of significant (Net Red) risks

Risk description	Mitigating actions	Owner
Opportunity: clarification of collection policy	This manages customer expectations and gives a robust and consistent framework to support the corporate plan aim of increasing recycling	Darren Moore
Failure to increase recycling rates	Increased clarity on prohibited items in the black / refuse bin, and confirmation through a bin sticker will reduce uncertainty and therefore should increase recycling rates	Caroline Roffey
Poor collection services and low customer satisfaction	Ensure services are adequately resourced and new collections are well communicated to residents	Caroline Roffey
Inconsistent application of policy	System changes as required. Awareness training for Waste team and Contact Centre staff ahead of 1 April.	Caroline Roffey

## **10. Knowing your community – equality and rural implications**

- 10.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment for food waste collections has been completed. Assisted collections are the main mechanism for supporting residents, and sacks collections are used where the use of wheeled bins is not physically possible. These variations to the universally delivered service should enable everyone who wants to recycle to do so.
- 10.2 Bins for new properties have been chargeable (one off charge) for several years, and the new requirement for these properties to have all bin types (except garden) may impact those on low incomes. This is mitigated by the expectation developers and landlords will pay for the new bins, and by the option of a smaller residual bin at a reduced charge.

## **11. Climate implications**

- 11.1 The policy supports the Climate Change strategy 2024-2028. The policy aims to work towards achieving the national recycling target and contributing towards implementation of the Leicestershire Resource and Waste Strategy 2022-2050.

## **12. Corporate implications**

- 12.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:
  - Community safety implications
  - Environmental implications
  - ICT implications
  - Asset management implications
  - Procurement implications
  - Human resources implications
  - Planning implications
  - Data protection implications
  - Voluntary sector

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Background papers:

Appendix 1: Waste Collection Policy

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