

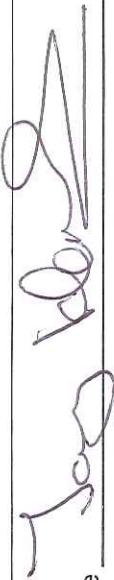
Record of an individual Cabinet member decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision made by	Councillor Tony Harbour
Key decision?	Yes
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	2/2/2017
Name and job title of officer requesting the decision	Ian Matten Parks and Waste Services Manager
Officer contact details	Tel:01235 422113 Email: ian.matten@southandvale.gov.uk
Decision	To approve a change to the configuration of vehicles used for refuse, recycling and food waste collections, when they are replaced in summer 2017.
Reasons for decision	<p>Our waste collection fleet is made up of dual bodied Refuse Compaction Vehicles (RCV's) fitted with a separate food pod. We collect food waste weekly and refuse and recycling are collected on alternate weeks along with textile and Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) collections.</p> <p>As part of the waste contract extension approved in 2013, a new fleet of RCV's is due in summer 2017. Officers and Biffa have reviewed the options available and consider that operationally it makes best sense to change from the current dual bodied vehicles, to a standard RCV for collecting the wheeled bins and separate plastic bodied vehicles to collect the food waste.</p> <p>There are a number of benefits to this proposed change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> our existing vehicles are quite unusual so the ability to replace vehicles when they are in for repair is sometimes impossible. By using standard vehicles it will be easier during periods of downtime to get replacement vehicles either by hiring or drawing in resources from other Biffa Municipal contracts the reliability of dual bodied vehicles reduces as the vehicle ages and so consequently down-time increases

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved capacity to absorb property growth because of increased flexibility in the fleet • changes to the collection system would be possible during the seven year extension period • with more vehicles on the fleet, they can all be fitted with cages. This will make the collection of textiles and WEEE more efficient, at the moment we have to use a separate caged vehicle on some rounds • having cages on all vehicles could allow for extra recycling commodities (alongside textiles and WEEE) to be included as separate collections in the future. <p>The impact of the proposed change on the customer is minimal as the wheeled bins and the food waste bins will still be collected on the same day just not at the same time.</p> <p>The environmental impact of the proposal are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by changing to standard RCV's the collection capacity increases as there is no food pod. This means the number of visits to dispose of their recycling/refuse will be reduced • collecting food waste in a dedicated vehicle will be more efficient as they will only collect one commodity, so one vehicle will be able to collect at least two rounds worth of food waste and only need to tip once a day compared to the current two/three times • the new fleet will be fitted with Euro 6 engines. These are the most efficient engines currently available for this type of vehicle. Biffa is confident that the fleet change will result in a reduction in carbon emissions, lower mileage on large vehicles, better engine efficiency and improved collections efficiency. <p>Biffa will continue to work with the councils Energy Officer to identify opportunities to reduce emissions in the future by investigating alternative options such as the use of biofuels for vehicles associated with the waste service.</p> <p>A detailed communication campaign will be implemented to inform residents in advance of the change in style of vehicles.</p>
<p>Alternative options rejected</p>	<p>To replace the fleet using the same style of dual bodied vehicles with a separate food pod. This option was rejected in favour of a two vehicle collection system with the benefits identified above.</p>

Legal implications	The agreed change to the specification of the vehicles will be documented in a variation to the contract.
Financial implications	There are no financial implication for the council in changing to the proposed two pass system.
Other implications	It is possible that we may confuse some residents who have got used to the current system but the communication campaign will explain the change in advance of the operational implementation
Background papers considered	Cabinet briefing paper presented on 10 January 2017
Declarations/conflict of interest?	None
Declaration of other councillor/officer consulted by the Cabinet member?	
List consultees	
	Ward councillors
	Legal
	Finance
	Human resources
	Sustainability
	Diversity and equality
	Communications
	Head of Service
	Chief Executive
Confidential decision? If so, under which exempt	No

category?	
Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?	Yes
Has this been discussed by Cabinet members?	Yes (10 January 2017)
Cabinet member's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	<p>Signature <u></u></p> <p>Date <u>01 FEB 2017</u></p>

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