

EX45. Household Recycling Charter: Compliant Collection Service

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services which provided an update on the options for a household recycling charter compliant collection service and the implications of the introduction of a Deposit Return Scheme on the collection service.

At its meeting of 15 May 2018 (ref EX17) the Executive had instructed the Director of Development Services to undertake an analysis of a further option to provide a charter compliant collection service and to report back on the implications of this option along with an update on the proposals of a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) and how this might affect kerbside collections moving forward.

The report set out details of the current collection service, an option based on a Zero Waste Scotland funding offer and the option put forward at the May meeting of the Executive (option 4). Option 4 proposed:-

- blue bin collected every 4 weeks and only used for plastics, metals and cartons.
- brown bin used for paper and card collected every 4 weeks.
- green bin retained for non-recyclable waste collected every 4 weeks
- black box service retained for glass, textiles, small electricals, household batteries (& nappies) collected every two weeks.
- new bin introduced for co-mingled garden and food waste (with an option for households who do not wish to have a garden waste collection to use a food caddy) collected every two weeks.

The report provided the following analysis of option 4:-






- using the brown bin for paper and card would reduce the quality of the material as there will be remnants of garden waste thereby contaminating the paper/card mix.
- if residents do not opt for the new bin for co-mingled garden and food waste, they must use a food caddy. The food caddy would require to be collected weekly to be charter compliant.
- the cost of an additional bin for 73,000 households would be c.£1.47m which would be subject to a further bid to Zero Waste Scotland.
- additional resources would be required to undertake a fortnightly co-mingled garden and food waste service.
- garden waste collection is non-statutory and could be charged. Co-mingling with food waste adds complexity with charging for this service as a food waste collection is statutory and non-chargeable.

In September 2017, the Scottish Government announced the introduction of a Scottish deposit return system for single-use drinks containers. A consultation document 'A Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland' was published. The public consultation period was from 27 June 2018 to 25 September 2018. Early indications were that a deposit return scheme may be introduced within the next two years.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the content of the report and the analysis of the further option having regard to both service and financial consequences;
- (2) instructed the Director of Development Services to undertake an analysis of a final option, described pictorially below, and report back to the Executive on the implications of this option where a decision will be made. At this time agree on a preferred Household Waste Recycling Charter Compliant Collection Service and authorise the Director of Development Services to submit a funding application to Zero Waste Scotland for equipment to provide the agreed service. Further, to request that she provide Members at the same time, with an update on proposals for the introduction of a Deposit Return Scheme and how this might affect kerbside collection services moving forward taking into consideration the consultation exercise recently carried out by the Scottish Government on DRS.

Metals, Plastics and Cartons	Paper and Card 	Glass, Textiles, Small Electricals, Household Batteries (& Nappies)	Non-Recyclable Waste	Garden Waste & Food Waste Bin (Optional)* 
				
4-Weekly	4-Weekly	Fortnightly	4-Weekly	Fortnightly
* Note: If the option for a Garden Waste & Food Waste Bin is not taken, residents must use a Grey Food Caddy. This includes properties without gardens.				

