

FC30. REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services, Chief Finance Officer and Chief Governance Officer on the Council's refuse collection services.

Council had previously agreed, in March 2012, the introduction of a 6 month pilot arrangement for refuse collection services and, following review, had extended the pilot (with amended working arrangements) in December 2012. An assessment of the current service provision was provided together with an analysis of the options available in regard to service provision.

Proposals to change the brown bins collection in the winter months were also set out.

Council adjourned at 5.20pm to allow members of the opposition to consider the terms of the report and reconvened at 5.30pm with all members present with the exception of Councillors Coleman and McCabe.

Decision

Council noted the improvement there has been in the operational and financial performance of the refuse collection service under the Improvement Plan.

Council agreed:-

- 1) to abandon the current procurement process due to the improvements which had been made to date by the in-house team;
- 2) that a collective agreement is required to be put in place, removing the contracted overtime model of delivery;
- 3) to delegate authority to the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services to seek a collective agreement with the Trades Unions by 30 September 2013 which reflects issues set out in paragraph 5.8 of the report;
- 4) the proposed arrangements for brown bin service as set out in the report; and
- 5) to request a further report on progress with the new arrangements.

