



Environment Committee

14 March 2019

Title	Recycling and Waste Round Reorganisation
Report of	Chairman of the Environment Committee
Wards	All
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	Yes
Enclosures	Appendix A – Recycling and Waste Round Change Review Appendix B – Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) Appendix Ci – Section Completion Tables – Recycling Appendix Cii – Section Completion Tables – Refuse
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Summary

On 5 November 2018 changes to Barnet's recycling and waste collection rounds were implemented. The Environment Committee on 21 January 2019 requested a full report on the reorganisation reviewing the recycling and waste round changes. This review can be found in Appendix A of this report.

Officers Recommendations

1. That the Environment Committee review and note the Recycling and Waste Round Change Review
2. That the Environment Committee approve the rebalancing of collections and the change of a number of residents collection days as set out in the Recycling and Waste Round Change Review recommendations

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 On 5 November 2018 changes to Barnet's recycling and waste rounds were implemented. This was the largest whole scale change to the collection rounds in over 15 years. On 21 January, the Environment Committee requested a written report reviewing the recycling and waste round changes.
- 1.2 The Recycling and Waste Round Change Review can be found in Appendix A.

Government's Consultation on Consistency in Household and Business Recycling Collections in England

- 1.3 On 18 February 2019 the Government set out plans to "overhaul waste systems" in England. The changes will make up a key part of the government's upcoming Environment Bill, to be introduced early in the second session of Parliament. A number of consultations have been launched
- 1.4 Following the agreement at the Environment Committee on 5 June 2018 to the cessation of the separate food waste collections, Barnet later agreed to the temporary suspension of this service following dialogue with the Mayor of London/GLA. There was an agreement to an independent review of the food waste collection service, financed and overseen by Resource London, with the objective of seeking a practicable and financially sustainable options for the reinstatement of this service in line with the timeframes set out in the London Environment Strategy (LES). This review is ongoing and is supported closely by officers within Street Scene. A final report will be issued by 5 April.
- 1.5 The regional strategy for London (LES) aligns closely with the proposals for all local authorities to provide separate food waste collections to households and businesses, if not already in place, as set out in the draft in Household and Business Recycling Collections in England document now out for consultation. Barnet will respond to this in due course but is already on a path through the work being undertaken with the Mayor of London/GLA and Resource London to seek a practicable solution for the reintroduction of a separate food waste service that aligns with the requirements and timeframes set out in both strategy documents.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Recommendation 1** – It is recommended that the Environment Committee note the Recycling and Waste Round Change Review.
- 2.2 **Recommendation 2** – It is recommended that the Environment Committee approve the rebalancing of collections and the change of a number of resident's collection days as set out in the Recycling and Waste Round Change Review recommendations. This will enable the Monday and Tuesday collections to become more resilient.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 The Council could choose not rebalance collections on a Monday and Tuesday, however, this would mean that collections on Monday and Tuesday would be prone to lack of resilience, which may result in delayed collections for residents.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 If the Committee is so minded to endorse the recommendations then Street Scene officers will progress plans to rebalance the collections rounds as set out in Appendix A. This would be done as soon as possible, however, not before

- New round sheets have been created and reviewed by operational staff
- Residents have been informed of collection day changes
- Members have been updated of all changes to their area

- 4.2 These changes would not be able to happen until April 2019 or later. All Members of the Environment Committee and local ward Members will be updated of the timetable for changes before it start.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

The council's Corporate Plan, which sets out the outcomes, priorities and strategic approach, has been refreshed for 2019 to 2024. The Delivery Plan being reported to the March 2019 Committee set out how the service will deliver the Corporate Plan and includes performance indicators/targets to monitor progress.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- Finance and Value for Money: See Section 5 in Appendix A
- Procurement: At this time there are no implications.
- Staffing: Rebalancing of recycling and waste rounds may lead to a reduction on not contractual overtime for some staff.
- IT: At this time there are no implications.
- Property: At this time there are no implications.
- Sustainability: At this time there are no implications.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic

and environmental benefits. This will be done as part of any contract procurement. No contract procurement is currently planned as a result of the recommendation in this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 The Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part II Waste on Land, section 46 Receptacles for Household Waste, provides waste collection authorities with the power to determine the size of the receptacles and whether a payment is required for them.

5.3.1 Council Constitution (Article 7, Committees, Forums, Working Groups and Partnerships) sets out the responsible body and their functions. For the Environment Committee it's function is:

- Responsibility for all borough-wide or cross-constituency matters relating to the street scene including, parking, road safety, lighting, street cleaning, transport, waste, waterways, refuse, recycling, allotments, parks, trees, crematoria and mortuary, trading standards and environmental health.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 There is a high risk that should collection rounds on a Monday and Tuesday not be rebalance then collections on Monday and Tuesday would be prone to lack of resilience, which may result in delayed collections for residents

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 Equality and diversity issues are a mandatory consideration in the decision-making of the council. The Equality Act 2010 and the Public-Sector Equality Duty, requires elected Members to satisfy themselves that equality considerations are integrated into day-to-day business and that all proposals emerging from the business planning process have taken into consideration the impact, if any, on any protected group and what mitigating factors can be put in place.

5.6.2 This is set out in the council's Equalities Policy together with our strategic Equalities Objective - as set out in the Corporate Plan - that citizens will be treated equally with understanding and respect; have equal opportunities and receive quality services provided to best value principles.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 Not applicable.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.3 Not applicable

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 There are no insight implications at this time.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- [Environment Committee Papers 5th June 2018](#) – including Street Scene Operational Change report including food waste cessation
- [Environment Committee May 2016 Papers](#) – including Barnet's Municipal Recycling and Waste Management Strategy.
- [Environment Committee May 2017 Papers](#) – including the Outcome for Street Scene Alternative Delivery Model project.
- [London Environment Strategy](#)
- [Policy and Resources Committee Paper June 2018](#) – including paper provides an update on the council's financial position
- [Policy and Resources Paper July 2018](#) – including paper provides an update on the council's financial position
- Environment Committee, 28th November 2018, Business Planning 2019-2024
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s49873/Business%20Planning-Committee%20Report.pdf>
- Policy and Resources Committee, 11th December 2018, Corporate Plan 2019-24, Business Planning - Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/24 and Draft Budget for 2019/20
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&MId=9460&Ver=4>
- [Policy and Resources Paper February 2019](#) – including paper provides an update on the council's financial position