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**WASTE COLLECTION POLICIES  
(Report by the Head of Operations)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The waste collection policies have previously been held in a number of different documents. The document in Annex A brings together the waste polices whilst updating them and suggesting some changes. A recommendation for the approval of this document is set out in Section 5.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 There are 29 policies in total relating to waste ranging from collection receptacles to clinical waste and all are required to ensure the service is run efficiently and effectively. In addition the policies provide clarity to the residents as to the type and extent of the service they can expect.
- 2.2 A number of changes have been made to the policies in order to provide clarity but also to resolve some of the issues which have arisen in respect of the policies. One of the main problems is in respect of those properties which receive, for a variety of different reasons weekly bag collections. An alternative being investigated is if we provided a paper sack for food / green waste the properties could be collected fortnightly so as to fit in with the normal collections and save an additional vehicle and crew having to go and collect every other week. The cost saving of doing this is being evaluated and should be available in time for the Overview and Scrutiny meeting.
- 2.3 The other main issue is in respect of clinical waste where currently we are picking up non hazardous clinical waste separately to the normal grey bin collection, when we could collect this type of waste in the bin. To accommodate this part of the policy is in respect of allowing additional bins where necessary. If we did this it would result in cost savings from the need to have 2 separate collections.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 The drawing together of the waste policies into one document and hyper linking them to the list of contents on the Website will enable residents to see clearly what the Council's Waste Policies are.
- 3.2 The suggested changes are considered necessary to provide clarity in the policies.

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 It is recommended that COMT:-
  - endorse the policies for approval at Cabinet, and
  - that the policies are sent to the Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment.

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