

**COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ECONOMY AND GROWTH) –
9th February 2016**

REVIEW OF WASTE POLICIES

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Economy and Growth) was presented the Review of Waste Policies. The following policies were considered: lane end collection arrangements; rejections policy in respect of repeated contamination of bins; options for reducing the bin capacity on domestic collection (grey bins) to reduce the waste produced by households and options for charging for replacement bins that have been damaged, lost or stolen.

The Panel emphasised that they were pleased with the approach that would be taken in regards to contaminated waste. The approach involves the Council aiming to re-educate residents who are responsible for contaminating recycling waste and would only remove the resident's bin as a last resort.

After a short discussion, Members expressed relief that residents bins that had been damaged as a result by the refuse collection crews will be replaced free of charge. In addition the Panel emphasised that in the interests of fairness it was crucial that a resident could receive a free replacement bin so long as it was their first in a ten year period.

Members discussed the three options for residents to reduce the capacity of their residual waste bin and expressed their preferred option is option two which is issuing 140 litre bins to all new properties unless they have been built to accommodate 6 plus residents but providing an additional 240 litre blue bin for recyclates on request; and providing 140 litre bins to any property requesting a replacement bin.

The Panel recommends that,

- 1) All three options for reducing the bin capacity on domestic collections be put out to consultation however the preferred option is option two.
- 2) In regards to charging for replacement bin that the Council should replace the first bin for free but should charge for a second replacement.