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Introduction – Purpose of Review

- To provide an update on recycling and garden waste collections within the borough
- To update on the pending changes in national policy on waste collections
- To give a broad outline of the implications of any changes

Current Waste Service Provision

- Alternate weekly collections – residual waste / dry mixed recycling
- Chargeable garden waste collections
- Chargeable bulky waste collections
- Clinical waste collections
- Network of over 100 Local Recycling Centres – the primary material collected: Glass



Delivering During A Pandemic

- Challenging times – adapting and developing as we went along in order to not interrupt collections etc.
- In-house service provided the resilience by using street cleaning and grounds maintenance staff to support waste functions
- The only Hampshire authority not to scale back any frontline waste collection, or associated activity, despite the increasing demand for services



Service Performance

- Recycling rate for 19/20 – **36.03%** placing us 4th in Hampshire. Notably, in front of 5 local authorities who also collect glass at the kerbside.

Service Performance

Authority	Recycling Rate (2019/20)
Eastleigh Borough Council	43.15%
Hart District Council	41.80%
Winchester City Council	38.12%
Test Valley Borough Council	36.03%
East Hampshire District Council	34.68%
New Forest District Council	34.19%
Fareham Borough Council	32.86%
Havant Borough Council	31.80%
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	30.60%
Rushmoor Borough Council	29.51%
Southampton City Council	29.14%
Portsmouth City Council	26.79%
Gosport Borough Council	24.96%

Service Performance

- Contamination rate for current year of **13%** currently placing TVBC as the highest performer against a Hampshire average of 18%

Service Performance

Authority	Contamination Rate (At January 2021)
Test Valley Borough Council	13.04%
Fareham Borough Council	14.52%
Portsmouth City Council	15.45%
New Forest District Council	15.57%
Winchester City Council	16.25%
Gosport Borough Council	17.35%
Eastleigh Borough Council	17.74%
East Hampshire District Council	18.39%
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	18.44%
Havant Borough Council	19.71%
Hart District Council	20.43%
Rushmoor Borough Council	21.21%
Southampton City Council	22.19%

Waste Diversion

- For 2019/2020 **94.66%** of Hampshire's waste was diverted from landfill
 - Recycling, composting and reuse - **41.72%**
 - EFW – **52.94%**

It's Not Just Waste!

- In addition to the delivery of street cleaning, grounds maintenance and transport related functions, we have:
 - A behavioural change programme
 - Environmental enforcement and a level fly tipping prosecutions that is higher than all other Hampshire authorities combined
 - Adoption of sports facilities such as Abbotswood and soon to be adopted Ganger Farm



Garden Waste Collections

- Chargeable service rolled out in **2004**
- Service quickly grew and for a number of years levelled out at approximately **10,800** subscribers
- Over recent years there has been steady growth in numbers up to approximately **14,500** subscribers
- The only way to sustain this level was to introduce a **summer round** to compliment the two full time rounds, that would operate during the more challenging months



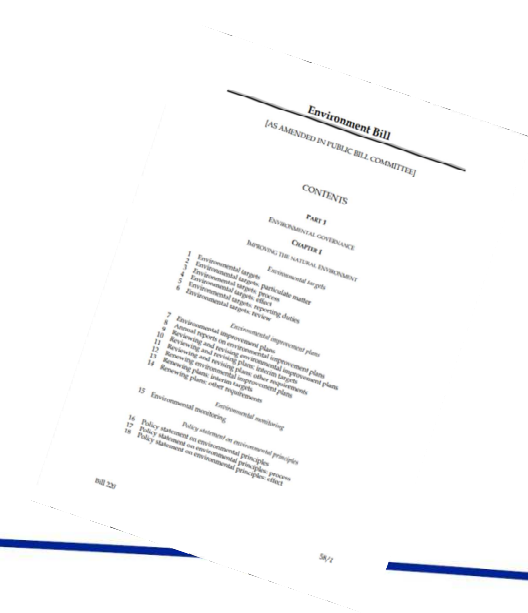
Garden Waste Collections

- The pandemic saw demand explode. Over the last 12 months subscriptions have increased to **18,000**
- Due to the ongoing and sustained demand on the service, work commenced in the autumn (2020) on a **fundamental review** of the rounds
- Three new rounds were rolled out early **February 2021**



Summary of Environment Bill / Resource and Waste Strategy

- Changes to come in from 1 April 2023
- Consistency in the range of materials collected across the country
- Weekly food waste collections
- Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)



Implications For The Council

- An increase in the range of materials being collected at the kerbside - particularly **food waste**, **glass** and **pots, tubs and trays** (PTTs)
- A change in the range of materials may see a fundamental change in the way materials are collected
- Materials are currently collected co-mingled in one bin. One option being considered is **twin stream** –
 - Two receptacles – one for **containers** (glass, plastic bottles, tins and cans, PTTs) and one for **fibre** (paper, cardboard, magazines)
- These changes will require wholesale system change and the potential for more receptacles for residents!

Financial Implications

- Detailed financial work on any change has not commenced yet
- Weekly food waste collections are likely to get 'new burdens' funding from Government
- It remains to be seen how much of an impact DRS will have on material flow through a kerbside collections and income
- EPR will require manufacturers to pay towards the recovery of materials but details on what this will look like remain unknown
- System change to meet the requirements of the Environment Bill and the Resource and Waste Strategy for England will come at a cost, yet to be determined

Next Steps

- To make sense of the proposals
- To assess how we deliver a service that accords with these new proposals
- To understand the cost of change
- To develop a timeline for change