
CARDIFF RECYCLING STRATEGY: UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members with an informal update in relation to progress and issues in relation to the roll out of the Recycling Strategy for Cardiff.

Background

2. The Recycling Strategy for Cardiff 2021-25 was considered by this committee prior to Cabinet and Council in September 2022.¹
3. The Assistant Director Street Scene – Waste provided an update in relation to the roll out of the Strategy in March 2023²
4. The letters and responses following these meetings can be found at the following appendices:
 - Appendix A – Chairs letter to Cllr Wild September 2022
 - Appendix B – Cabinet response
 - Appendix C – Chairs letter to Assistant Director Street Scene March 2023
5. A Cabinet report providing an update and the proposed next steps was scheduled in November, however this was deferred due to industrial action that ran between 25th September – 28th November. 2023, the report was due to be re scheduled in January, however further industrial action was called and is taking place between 25th December 2023 and 25th January 2024.

¹ [Agenda item - Recycling Strategy for Cardiff 2021-2025 : Cardiff Council \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

² [Agenda item - Recycling Strategy for Cardiff : Cardiff Council \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

6. Also, the recent announcement of the budget consultation³ that takes place between 8th January and 4th February 2024 contains proposals that fall within the remit of this committee, and waste collection and recycling, namely:

- Considering charging for collection of garden waste;
- Considering charging for all bulky waste collections, as some are currently free;
- Saving money by collecting black bin/bag waste once every three weeks instead of every fortnight;
- Reduced frequency of street cleaning;
- Removal of bins from residential streets, placing them in alternative locations;
- Changes to the Local Action Teams that work in and around areas with high numbers of council homes.

7. There have also been a number of articles in the local and national press relating to these proposals. ⁴⁵⁶

Way Forward

8. Cllr Caro Wild, Cabinet Member for Climate Change has been invited to make a statement and answer Member's questions. They will be supported by and Matt Wakelam, Assistant Director Street Scene - Waste from the Economic Development Directorate who have been asked to make a brief presentation followed by Member's questions.

Legal Implications

The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters, there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those

³ [Cardiff residents urged to take part in far-reaching budget consultation \(cardiffnewsroom.co.uk\)](https://cardiffnewsroom.co.uk)

⁴ [Reaction to 3 weekly waste collection plan](#)

⁵ [Fury at 3 week waste collection plans](#)

⁶ [Waste collections, car parking, school meals and burials: The charges that could be increased in Cardiff this year - Wales Online](#)

recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters, there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

- i) Consider the information in this report and the information presented at the meeting;
- ii) Determine whether they would like to make any comments, observations or recommendations to the Cabinet on this matter; and
- iii) Decide the way forward for any future scrutiny of the issues discussed.

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