

CABINET

Date of Meeting	Wednesday, 25 th September 2024
Report Subject	Call-in report - Council's Transition to a Restricted Capacity Residual Waste Collection Model
Cabinet Member	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Streetscene & Transportation
Report Author	Democratic Services Manager
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A decision of the Cabinet - Record No 4236 the *Council's Transition to a Restricted Capacity Residual Waste Collection Model* was called in.

The call-in meeting of the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee was held on 30th July 2024 at 2pm.

Having considered the decision, the committee chose Option 2: to resolve that 'the explanation be accepted but not endorsed by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee'.

This meant that the decision made at Cabinet on 23rd July 2024 could be implemented.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the cabinet notes the decision of the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee call-in meeting with regard to Record No 4236 the Council's Transition to a Restricted Capacity Residual Waste Collection Model.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE CALL IN
1.01	<p>At the meeting of the Cabinet which was held on 23rd July 2024, the Council's Transition to a Restricted Capacity Residual Waste Collection Model report was considered.</p> <p>The recommendations of that report, were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) That Cabinet acknowledges and notes the outcomes of the modelling work undertaken on restricting the capacity of residual waste collections; andb) That Cabinet supports a transition to the most effective service delivery model of retaining a comprehensive weekly recycling collection service and reducing residual waste collections to once every four weeks while retaining the 180L black wheeled bin to realise maximum recycling performance increase, greenhouse gas emission reduction and cost reduction.
1.02	<p>The decision of the Cabinet, which was published as Record No 4236 is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) That Cabinet acknowledges and notes the outcomes of the modelling work undertaken on restricting the capacity of residual waste collections; andb) That Cabinet supports a transition to the most effective service delivery model of retaining a comprehensive weekly recycling collection service and reducing residual waste collections to once every three weeks while retaining the 180L black wheeled bin to realise maximum recycling performance increase, greenhouse gas emission reduction and cost reduction.
1.03	<p>That decision was called in by two different sets of Councillors.</p> <p>Set 1 consisted of Cllrs. Alasdair Ibbotson, Carolyn Preece, Dan Rose, Sam Swash, and Gillian Brockley on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>We believe the financial figures for the saving are not reliable;</i>2. <i>We believe that it is not possible to recover the amount of additional recycling projected through moving to a three weekly model;</i>3. <i>We believe that the cabinet has not carried out the necessary consultation in line with Audit Wales' recent report into the council on incorporating service user feedback.</i> <p>Set 2 consisted of Cllrs. Bill Crease, Andy Hughes, Carol Ellis, Richard Jones, Helen Brown, Dale Selvester and Ant Turton on the following grounds:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>During E&EOSC meeting on 16th July a unanimous vote rejecting the recommendation for a transition to 4 weekly cycle for black bin collection;</i> 2. <i>The cost savings being sought could be achieved through a ‘best practice approach to the handling of waste set out for kerbside recycling & HRC operations;</i> 3. <i>Figures quoted are outdated & are no longer applicable.</i> <p>Although there were 2 call-ins, because they related to the same decision and were similar in reasoning, both were heard under one single item.</p>
1.04	<p>The call in was heard by the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 30th July 2024 at 2pm.</p> <p>The decision of the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee was option 2, that ‘the explanation be accepted but not endorsed by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee’.</p> <p>In selection option 2 it allows the decision to be implemented following the Overview and Scrutiny meeting.</p> <p>The Cabinet were notified to this effect on 1st August 2024.</p>

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	As identified in the previous report to the Cabinet on this issue.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	As identified in the previous report to the Cabinet on this issue.

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	As identified in the previous report to the Cabinet on this issue.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 – Report of the Chief Officer (Streetscene & Transportation) on the <i>Council’s Transition to a Restricted Capacity Residual Waste Collection Model</i> considered at Cabinet on 23 rd July.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	<p>Appendix 1 – Report of the Chief Officer (Streetscene & Transportation) on Council’s Transition to a Restricted Capacity Residual Waste Collection Model considered at Cabinet on 23rd July.</p> <p>Flintshire County Council Overview & Scrutiny Call-in Arrangements</p>

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Steven Goodrum, Democratic Services Manager Telephone: 01352 702320 E-mail: Steven.Goodrum@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	<p>Call in: under section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000, an Overview & Scrutiny committee can review a decision which has been made but not implemented. This is known as a ‘call in’.</p>