



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Agenda Item: 6**

**SUBJECT:  
IMPROVING RECYCLING PERFORMANCE - PRE SCRUTINY  
OUTCOMES**

**Cabinet Members Present  
County Borough Councillors:**

A.Morgan (Chairman), M. Webber, R.Bevan, A.Crimmings,  
G.Hopkins, M.Norris, J Rosser, & C.Leyshon.

**Cabinet Member Apology  
County Borough Councillor:**

R.Lewis

**Other County Borough Councillors  
In Attendance:**

S Belzak, P Jarman and M Tegg.

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

1. To note the comments and observations of the Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee attached as Appendix A of the report.
2. To endorse the recommendations outlined within the 'Improving Recycling Performance' report subject to the following amendments as listed below :
  - a) To approve the changes to the Council's residual side waste policy from 4th June, 2018 as follows: -
    - The residents that have their waste collected in black bags, primarily the Rhondda – the current four black bags allowance per fortnight is reduced to two bags;
    - The residents that have a bin waste collection, primarily in the Cynon and Taf - no side waste per household per fortnight irrespective of the bin size will be permitted;
    - Over the extended Christmas and New Year period there would be a relaxation of the restriction, as explained in paragraph 4.10 of the report, allowing a flexible approach to be taken forward.
  - b) To approve that between 1<sup>st</sup> November and the 1<sup>st</sup> March the Council's green waste collection service is a fortnightly collection which reverts back to a weekly service over the remainder of the year, each year.
  - c) To approve that the Council by way of a notice, inform residents that they cannot place recyclable material within their residual bin/bag. This change will have no adverse affect on residents currently recycling in line with our system. It is not aimed at residents who put the odd recycling item in their residual waste in error, this change is aimed at residents who continually fail to recycle and/or put large amounts of recycling in their black bag/bins.
  - d) To run an awareness campaign at least three months prior to the implementation of the changes in order to try and encourage residents currently not recycling to change their habits and recycle prior to the changes come in and it is recommended to continue to support the awareness campaign once the changes have started.
  - e) To approve that if the Notice is then breached, and after a series of evidential warnings by way of a warning letter / visit (three visits/ warnings) through our awareness/enforcement team, then a Fixed Penalty Notice could be issued.

**Note:** With the permission of the Chairman, County Borough Councillors S Belzak and P Jarman spoke on this item.

**2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

The need for Members to be aware of the comments and observations of the Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Committee prior to their consideration of the report

The need to implement changes to the Council's residual side waste policy in order for the Council to achieve the recycling targets set by Welsh Government.

**3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES / FUTURE GENERATIONS – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.**

The proposals are consistent with the priorities of the Council's Corporate Plan, in particular "Place – creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live and work":

- Rhondda Cynon Taf's local environment will be clean and attractive...
- Rhondda Cynon Taf's parks and green spaces will continue to be valued by residents...

These proposals are also consistent with the Well-being Goals under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:

- A healthier Wales – a society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.
- A Wales of cohesive communities – attractive, viable, safe and well connected communities.

**4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

None

**5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL**

Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee – [25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018](#)

**6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:**

None

**7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):**

N/A

**8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

YES  NO

**Note:** This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 5 clear working days after its publication i.e. **23rd February, 2018** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**8. (b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS DEEMED EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:**

I. COUNCIL FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-

Reason:.....N/A.....

II. URGENT DECISION:-

Reason:.....N/A.....

**8. (c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:**

N/A

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)



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(Proper Officer)

15<sup>th</sup> February, 2018  
(Dated)