

REPORT 1

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

UPDATE REPORT TO THE CABINET MEETING OF 10TH FEBRUARY 2020

PUBLIC REPORT: Y

EXEMPT REPORT: N

Report Title	Update report on the review of the Bin Policy
Key Decision	Yes
Report Author	Verina Wenham Chief Officer Governance and Monitoring Officer
Purpose of Report	To provide additional information to members as requested at the meeting of Cabinet on 13 th January 2020 to allow members to consider the deferred report which is attached as Appendix A (“the Deferred Report”)
Reason for Decision	As set out in the Deferred Report attached as Appendix A
Portfolio (holder)	Councillor Bateman
Corporate Priorities	As set out in the deferred report attached as Appendix A
Financial Implications	As set out in the options presented in the deferred Report attached as Appendix A
Risk Management Implications	As set out in the deferred Report as attached as Appendix A
Environmental Implications	As set out in the Deferred Report attached as Appendix A
Legal Implications	As set out in the Deferred Report attached as Appendix A
Equality Implications	As set out in Appendix A. The Equality impact Assessment is attached as Appendix D as attached to the Deferred Report.
Data Protection Implications	As set out in Appendix A
Consultation	Consultation has been carried out with other Councils in Leicestershire and the portfolio holder as detailed in the Deferred Report. It was envisaged that any proposed changes agreed by members would be included within the budget consultation for 2020/21. However, as that Budget consultation has already commenced, if members agree any proposed changes to the Bin Policy consideration will need to be given to carrying out further consultation depending upon the proposals put forward.
Recommendation	To consider the Options put forward by Officers as set out in the Deferred Report attached as Appendix A taking into account the additional information requested by members on 10th February 2020 and as set out in the body of this Updated Report.

Background Papers	
Appendices	Appendix A – Deferred Report Appendix B - Wheeled Bin Policy (with amendments)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the Cabinet meeting on 13th January 2020 members deferred the consideration of the Officers report on the Review of the Bin Policy to seek further information and clarification on the potential implications of the proposals and notably any consequential amendments that would be required to the Wheeled Bin Policy (“the Policy”) as a result of any approved changes. Members specifically requested additional information on the consequential changes to the Wheeled Bin Policy arising from the imposition of charging new properties for bin deliveries, which is referred to as Option A2 in the Deferred Report.

2. Key Facts

- 2.1 The Deferred Report sets out a number of Options for members to consider regarding the future provision of bins, with Officers preferred options being shown in bold in the recommendations in the Deferred Report.
- 2.2 At the meeting on 13th January 2020 discussion took place around Option A2 and clarity was sought on the changes that may be needed to the Policy if this option were considered.
- 2.3 If a decision was made to charge new properties only for bin deliveries (Option A2) the Policy would need to be amended to reflect that once a bin was purchased it would become the property of the homeowner. The homeowner would then be able to take the bin with them if they moved house. If Option A2 were implemented this would be a one off charge and the dwelling would then be classed as an existing dwelling and there would be no charge levied to a new occupier to provide a new bin. The suggested consequential amendments to the Policy are shown in paragraph 2 and 11.
- 2.4 If a decision was made to reduce the size of bins that could be provided to dwellings with five or more permanent residents, then again the Policy would need to be amended to reflect this.
- 2.5 The Policy would need to be amended as set out in paragraph 3 of the Policy to reflect that 360 litre bins will no longer be provided by the Council. For the avoidance of doubt, if a customer purchases their own bin and it is 360 litre sizes, the Council will not empty it if it is presented for collection.

