

West Suffolk Council

Portfolio Holder Decisions Notice

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The following decision was taken by the Portfolio Holder for Operations and, if not called in by councillors, will come into operation on Monday 15 April 2024. An executive decision may be called in, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules contained within Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, by at least five councillors submitting the required call-in request form to the Director (Human Resources, Governance and Regulatory) (e-mail: democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk) by **5.00 pm on Friday 12 April 2024**. Should you have a query regarding any of the decisions taken, contact should be made with the named officer in the first instance, the relevant portfolio holder or via Democratic Services, West Suffolk Council, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk, IP33 3YU.

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<p>No agenda item as Portfolio Holder decision</p> <p>Report number CAB/WS/24/020</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Simpler Recycling - Food Waste Collection Service</p> <p>Resolved: That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The principle of the introduction of a weekly household separate food waste collection service from 1 April 2026 be approved to meet new statutory requirements. Approval is also given for seeking to provide a commercial food waste 	<p>Through the Environment Act 2021, Government has legislated for councils to align their household waste and recycling services with new nationwide 'Simpler Recycling' requirements by 31 March 2026. Suffolk councils already meet many of the requirements, but new services or the alteration to existing services will need to be provided to collect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glass bottles and jars Cartons 	<p>There are no alternative options to providing a food waste collection service. The requirement has been mandated by Government legislation which clearly sets-out the nature of the service and</p>	<p>Portfolio holder: David Taylor</p> <p>Officer: Mark Walsh Director (Operations) 01284 757300</p>

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		<p>collection service to qualifying businesses from 1 April 2025 to meet new statutory requirements.</p> <p>2. Delegated authority be given to the Director for Operations, in consultation with themselves as Portfolio Holder for Operations, to proceed with procurement individually and/or collectively with partner councils of the Suffolk Waste Partnership, to deliver the necessary equipment in respect of vehicles and bins which is expected to be funded by new burdens funding as well as any wider waste infrastructure required.</p> <p>3. The procurement outlined in (2) above will need to take due account of the new procurement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food waste on a weekly basis • Plastic film (by April 2027) <p>The capacity of the supply chain to meet unprecedented nationwide demand for specialist vehicles and bins is a major risk to meeting these requirements. Much of the Suffolk requirement for vehicles and bins will relate to introducing a new collection service for food waste, so Suffolk councils are being asked to take food waste collection service decisions by early April 2024. West Suffolk Council's Portfolio Holder for Operations has taken relevant decisions accordingly, the justification for which is set out in section 2 of Report number: CAB/WS/24/020.</p> <p>Further final decisions on recycling and refuse service</p>	<p>timescales for its introduction.</p>	

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		<p>legislation that is expected to come into effect later in 2024.</p> <p>4. Agreement be given to a detailed plan setting out the implementation arrangements for the new food waste collection service, including that any further budget provision required to fund this process, be subject to separate consideration collectively by Cabinet (or, if agreed, Portfolio Holder for Operations) at a later date, and if necessary, Council.</p> <p>5. A period of engagement be undertaken with all West Suffolk Councillors during March 2024 setting out the requirements and implications of the new statutory food waste collection service. This includes the potential</p>	<p>changes will need to be taken by early summer 2024 and a further report with options and recommendations for those services will follow at a later date.</p>		

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		implications of other aspects of the Government's 'Simpler Recycling' requirements, including potential changes to recycling and residual waste collections.			

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 5 April 2024