

**Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 19 June 2024**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

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| A7 | Procurement of Waste & Recycling Collection Vehicles | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That it be agreed to procure, through Biffa, nine 12 tonne food waste vehicles, to operate on Hydro-treated Vegetable Oil, at an estimated cost of up to £1.34m to be funded by the New Burdens capital grant.</li> <li>2. That it be agreed to provide through the contract with Biffa an electric refuse collection vehicle for the new route to be introduced in Autumn 2024.</li> <li>3. That the annual revenue cost of £36k to cover the cost of the electric Refuse Collection Vehicle be agreed, to be funded</li> </ol> | <p>The council is on a journey to increase recycling rates in the district, and this report brings forward the next stage. Specifically, the introduction of kerbside food waste recycling and the need to procure vehicles to enable this by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. This will build upon the council recent success of increasing recycling rates since 2019, including the introduction of kerbside glass collections, improved garden waste service, and the weekly kerbside collection of batteries and small electrical items.</p> <p>Cabinet agreed in report CAB3439 that it would seek to introduce a separate food</p> | <p>The Council could procure the vehicles independently of Biffa. This option was previously rejected in CAB3439 because the council does not have the necessary buying power, knowledge nor understanding of the market. To purchase the vehicles, the Council would require advice on specification, identification of frameworks and would incur procurement costs. This could cause a significant delay to purchasing the necessary vehicles and put the Council at risk of missing the government implementation deadline.</p> <p>The Council has considered Biffa purchasing and owning the food waste vehicles and passing the capital cost to the</p> |
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|                |       | <p>by an existing waste budget.</p> <p>4. That, subject to the introduction of an electric Refuse Collection Vehicle to the waste fleet, the use of up to £30k from this project's approved capital allocation to fund infrastructure requirements at the Council's depot to enable charging of the electric Refuse Collection Vehicle be agreed.</p> | <p>waste collection service by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 through the council's current contractor Biffa. This is a requirement of the Environment Act and supports the Council's commitment to the priority of going greener faster. Introducing a food waste service could reduce the district's carbon emissions by 1,900 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per year.</p> <p>Report CAB3452 sets out the basis and rationale for the procurement of nine 12 tonne specialist Hydro-treated Vegetable Oil fuelled food waste vehicles, utilising the New Burdens capital funding provided through DEFRA.</p> <p>The report further sets out the rationale for the procurement of one electric RCV and necessary works at</p> | <p>council through the existing contract mechanism. This would make the overall contract price more expensive. This option has been rejected due to the increased costs this would incur. The council has received enough funding from DEFRA to pay these costs without the need for borrowing.</p> <p>The Council considered the provision of these vehicles on a contract hire basis for the remainder of the contract term. This option has been rejected due to the restriction on the grant funding from DEFRA which would not allow the funds to be used in this way.</p> <p>Wait until we know exactly what funding is available for the whole food waste service costs, capital and revenue. This option has been rejected</p> |

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|                       |              |                 | <p>the Depot to support the charging of this vehicle.</p> | <p>because of the long lead-in time for vehicle delivery. This is currently 12 months but is expected to lengthen as demand for new vehicles begins to outstrip supply. The council has a duty to implement the new service before the deadline imposed by Government of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. The council is also keen to implement the new service because of the benefits it provides to residents, the climate and environment. Waiting until all the details have been worked out will put the council at significant risk of missing the government deadline for implementation.</p> |