

**E tBracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	
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1. **TITLE:** Greening Waste Collection Update

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Delivery

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To update the Executive on greening waste collection arrangements

4 **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED that

- i. the introduction of food waste and the move to three weekly refuse collections for households is postponed until the 1st March 2021 as a result of the Coronavirus.
- ii. communications related to the changes will be paused and restarted in October 2020 with a refreshed and revised communications plan.
- iii. the introduction of food waste collections to flats and Houses of Multiple Occupation with communal bins is postponed until the Autumn of 2021 following work being completed by Overview & Scrutiny after roll out of the household service.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Following approval by The Executive on 28 January 2020 work began on communicating with residents on the changes however as a result of the Coronavirus since early March online and social media communication has stalled. This means our residents are not as informed about the changes as planned at this time.

One of the crucial elements of the summer communication focussed on face to face advice and support. Coronavirus restrictions have meant face to face interactions with residents have not been possible.

The five vehicles to be used for collecting food waste have been ordered, but production has been paused so at the time of writing there is no confirmed delivery date.

A service change of this scale requires a significant amount of preparation, a critical element is the new collection rounds for the service and the subsequent adjustments for the refuse collections. This process is running behind schedule as a result of the additional service pressures within Suez due to efforts of keeping existing collection services going during the pandemic.

The recommended 1 March 2021 start date avoids being too close to Christmas and New Year. Caddy deliveries and final roll out communications will take place in January and February.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Continue with the original October 2020 date; this carries a significant risk as vehicles may not arrive in time, new vehicle rounds may not be completed, and residents would not be as informed about the changes as planned.

Delay until October 2021, a full year delay is an option, however this would see an even larger reduction in the estimated savings and BFC would be lagging behind re3 partners.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** The cross party Food Waste Member steering group reviewed and commented on this paper at their last meeting.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Green Waste Collection Update for Exec 14-07-20v2 Appendix 1 - Green Waste Collection update for Exec 14-07-20

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

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