
**REFUSE COLLECTION (WHEELED BINS) REVIEW GROUP –
FINAL REPORT**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To present the outcome and findings of the Review Group established by this Scrutiny Committee to examine the introduction of wheeled bins in the Borough.

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2. At a meeting of the Place Scrutiny Committee held on 19 April 2012 consideration was given to a 'call-in' from the Cabinet held on 3 April 2012 (Minute C147(2)/Apr/12) in relation to its decisions in respect of Refuse Collection. At that meeting it was agreed to establish a Review Group. Terms of Reference were approved at the Scrutiny Meeting held on 14 June 2012 and all Members of the Scrutiny Committee were invited to participate in the Review.
3. The Review Group has met on seven occasions and a wide number of issues have been discussed and considered at those meetings.
4. Several Members also undertook a visit to a neighbouring authority to ascertain whether any problems were encountered during implementation of the wheeled bin system.
5. The final report of the Review Group is attached (**Appendix 1**).

Recommendation

6. It is recommended that Members approve the recommendations in the final report.

**Paul Wildsmith,
Director of Resources**

Background Papers

No Background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

S17 Crime and Disorder	It is not considered that there will be a significant impact on crime and disorder as a result of this report, however on occasions wheeled bins have been used in other areas to assist in criminal activity. In addition, a number of secondary fires are a result of refuse and other household waste being left out for collection either loose or within wheeled bins.
Health and Well Being	By providing this efficient refuse and recycling collection system does have a positive impact on the health and well-being of residents.
Carbon Impact	It is anticipated that there may be an increase in recycling as a result of introducing wheeled bins by reduced capacity therefore this could potentially have a positive impact on carbon output
Diversity	The collection system will be universal across the Borough and the Council's existing Assisted Collection policy will continue where individuals because of their personal circumstances are unable to place the wheeled bin out for collection
Wards Affected	All Wards will be affected
Groups Affected	The refuse collection service will operate across the Borough, providing the same service to all residents therefore there is no particular impact on any one group.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report has no impact on the budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This report does not constitute a Key Decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not considered an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The implementation of a wheeled bin service does not particularly impact on the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy, though will reduce litter and improve the environment in that way
Efficiency	Wheeled bins provide the opportunity for containment of refuse and therefore there will be efficiencies with regard to street cleansing