

Date: Monday 11 September 2023 at 2.00 pm

Venue: Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library, Stockton - on - Tees,
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Cllr Richard Eglinton (Chair)
Cllr Katie Weston (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Michelle Bendelow
Cllr Stefan Houghton
Cllr Hilary Vickers
Cllr Andrew Sherris

Cllr Ray Godwin
Cllr Marilyn Surtees
Cllr Alan Watson

AGENDA

- 1 Evacuation Procedure** (Pages 7 - 8)
- 2 Apologies for Absence**
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
- 4 Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 July 2023 (Pages 9 - 12)
- 5 Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste**
To receive the draft scope and project plan and a background presentation from the link officer. (Pages 13 - 32)
- 6 Chair's Update and Select Committee Work Programme 2023-2024** (Pages 33 - 34)

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KEY - Declarable interests are:-

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance

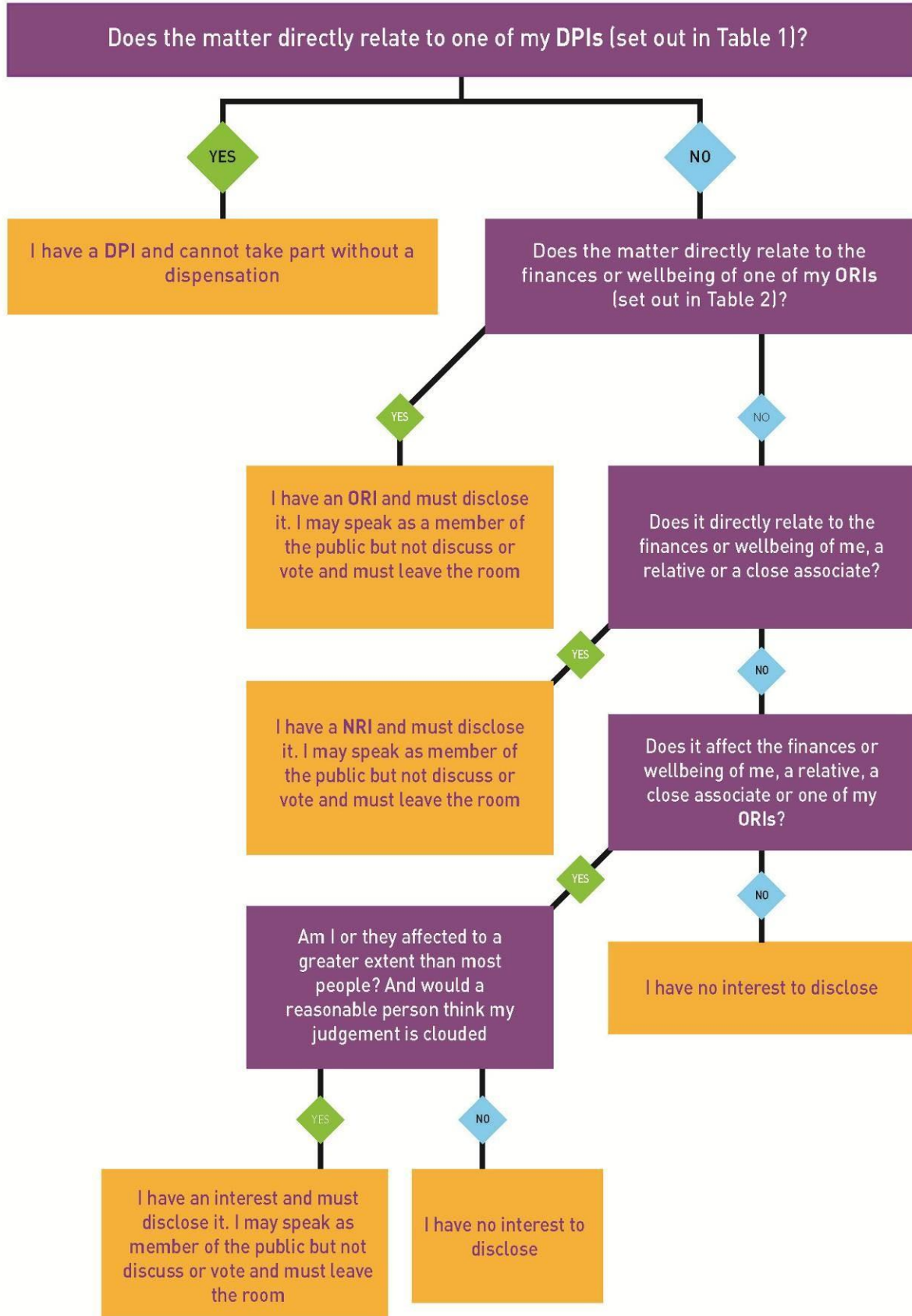


Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land and property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body
 - (i) exercising functions of a public nature
 - (ii) directed to charitable purposes or
 - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

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Place Select Committee

A meeting of Place Select Committee was held on Monday, 10th July, 2023.

Present: Cllr Richard Eglington (Chair), Cllr Katie Weston (Vice-Chair), Cllr Michelle Bendelow, Cllr John Coulson, Cllr Lynn Hall (sub for Cllr Hilary Vickers) Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Alan Watson.

Officers: Alan Glew (A, H&W); Rachel Harrison, Rebecca Saunders-Thompson (CS); Reuben Kench, Neil Mitchell, Craig Willows (CS, E&C); Garry Cummings (F, D&R).

Also in attendance: Cllr Marc Besford, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Norma Stephenson.

Apologies: Cllr Hilary Vickers, Cllr Ray Godwin.

PLA 1/23 **Evacuation Procedure**

The Committee noted the evacuation and housekeeping procedure.

PLA 2/23 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

PLA 3/23 **To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 27 March 2023**

AGREED the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PLA 4/23 **Overview Reports 2023**
Adults, Health and Wellbeing
Community Services, Environment and Transport
Finance, Development and Regeneration

The Select Committee received annual overview reports outlining the challenges and opportunities and priorities for the year ahead from the following three directorates:

- Adults, Health and Wellbeing
- Community Services, Environment and Transport
- Finance, Development and Regeneration

Key issues highlighted and discussed were as follows:

- No questions were raised on the Adults, Health and Wellbeing report.
- Members were pleased that waste management was being looked at through the scrutiny review process.
- Discussions were held around problems with tree maintenance and pothole repair programmes. Officers and Cabinet Members reassured the Committee that decisions regarding the allocation of resources were not made on a political basis but through specific policies and criteria.
- It was highlighted that areas of the Finance, Development and Regeneration report would also be covered in an upcoming Cabinet report.
- Members questioned the progress of the redevelopment of the Golden Eagle,

Thornaby site. Officers responded that difficulties had arisen because the site was in private sector ownership but, as with all funding received, the Council ensured that any plans for the site represented value for money.

- Discussions were held around celebrations for the 1825 railway bicentenary, and it was confirmed that money had been allocated from the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). The Committee requested that the relevant director provided a written update.
- Concerns about the location of trade/commercial waste during the redevelopment of Yarm High Street were raised. Cabinet Members and Officers confirmed that the Council continued to consult with businesses and residents throughout the redevelopment and would investigate this issue.
- Members questioned when the Council purchased the 64-acre site at Durham Lane, Stockton. Members also questioned if the land for the car park was included in the site purchase, and if the car park would be operational in Autumn 2023. Officers responded that the target date for completion remained Autumn 2023. The land for the car park was not included in the scheme. Officers agreed to provide the Committee with an exact site purchase date.
- Discussions were held around the redevelopment of Stockton Town Centre and the demolition of the former Castlegate Centre. In particular, the impact on surrounding businesses (for example, those on Finkle Street) and support available.
- A discussion was held around the revision of plans for the Splash, Stockton site. The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing informed the Committee that the Council had achieved a well-earned reputation for its phased delivery of redevelopment schemes, and this had resulted in attracting new potential investors as the Stockton Town Centre scheme has progressed.

AGREED that:

- 1) the three Overview reports be noted.
- 2) the further information be provided as requested.

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Work Programme 2023-2024

Consideration was given to the Work Programme.

Members were informed that following approval at the meeting of the Executive Scrutiny Committee on 4 July 2023, the Place Select Committee's next review would be the Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections.

The next meeting would be held on Monday 11 September 2023.

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.

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Chair's Update

The incoming Chair provided a welcome message to the Committee.

AGREED that the Chair's update be noted.

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Waste and Recycling in Stockton

Overview

Timeline

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- 2002 – Introduction of first phases of kerbside recycling (paper collections via Cheshire Recycling) in a pilot area
- 2003 – Transfer to SWS recycling with additional roll out of tins and glass using a phased approach over 18 months
- 2004 – Service brought in-house
- 2005 – Green Waste collection service introduced (initially for 30 weeks)
- 2007 – Plastic and Cardboard Collections introduced over a period of 18 months (3 phases)
- 2008 – Removal of the ‘side waste’ policy for refuse collection and the launch of a three pronged strategy to ensure compliance and increase recycling participation – operational effectiveness, waste awareness and measured use of enforcement powers. Two year funding to support increased recycling.

Collection

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- Weekly Refuse Collection (13/14 domestic rounds)
- Fortnightly Kerbside Recycling Rounds (7/8 rounds)
- Seasonal (30 week) Green Waste Collection, funded for 26 weeks



Page 16 Receptacles

- 240L Wheeled Bin for residual waste
- 55L box (glass)
- 120L bag (plastic, cardboard, cans, paper pouch)
- Reusable green waste sack or roll of disposable bags

RECYCLING **WHAT GOES WHERE?**

White sack

- Cardboard boxes and packaging
- Christmas cards (but not glittery ones)
- Food and drink cans, empty aerosols
- Crisp tubes, egg boxes, frozen food boxes
- Sweets/chocolate tins and tubs
- Toilet roll and kitchen roll tubes, wrapping paper tubes
- Yoghurt pots and spread tubs
- Plastic bottles including shampoo bottles, washing up and cleaning liquid bottles

Paper pocket

- Envelopes
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Catalogues

Blue box

- Glass bottles
- Batteries (within their own clear bag)
- Glass jars

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Waste Disposal

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- 83,000 tonnes of household waste collected from 89,050 households (2022/2023)
- 56,400 tonnes of household waste collected from the green wheeled bin (2022/2023)
- 698 KG/Residual Household Waste per year
- SUEZ Haverton Hill – extension April 2026
- Landfill rate 5.9%, 93.1% to EFW
- Competitive gate fee



Page 18 Kerbside Recycling

- 20,890 tonnes of recycling; recycling rate of 25.2% (2022/23)
- Contamination rates >5%.
- Desirable material – generates income.
- Central Government in the 2018 Waste Strategy for England where *“Government continues to support separate collection of dry materials as the default to achieve high quality recycling in particular separating glass and fibres”*



Recycling Rate and Targets

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- Stockton's current recycling rate is the lowest in the Tees Valley at 25.2% in 22/23
- This compares to the Tees Valley average of 30.58%, North East average of 33.5% and National average of 42%
- The Joint Waste Management Strategy (JWMS) has a Recycling target of a 45%-50% for the Tees Valley by 2027
- National target of 65% recycling rate for Municipal solid waste by 2035



How do we compare

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- Stockton currently have the highest Residual Waste per household in the country and are one of the only Authority to collect weekly residual waste in a 240L bin.
- In 2020/21 Stockton were ranked 328 out of 338 Authorities nationally for recycling performance

North East Comparison

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Year	Authority	Residual Household Waste per household (KG/HH)
2020-2021	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	783
2020-2021	Middlesbrough Borough Council	714.19
2020-2021	County Durham	612.3
2020-2021	Hartlepool Borough Council	607.4
2020-2021	Darlington Borough Council	601.6
2020-2021	Redcar and Cleveland	581.8
2020-2021	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	499.6

Top performers

Year	Authority	KG/HH Residual	Residual Frequency	Recycling rate	Food Waste	Recycling Frequency
2020-21	St Albans City and District Council	335.5	Fortnightly 180L	64.2%	Weekly	Weekly/Fortnightly
2020-21	South Oxfordshire District Council	336.3	Fortnightly 180L	63.6%	Weekly	Fortnightly
2020-21	Three Rivers District Council	333.6	Fortnightly 140L	63.1%	Weekly	Weekly/Fortnightly
2020-21	Vale of White Horse District Council	325.2	Fortnightly 180L	62.6%	Weekly	Fortnightly
2020-21	Surrey Heath Borough Council	364.9	Fortnightly 180L	61.3%	Weekly	Weekly/Fortnightly
2020-21	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	450.7	Fortnightly 240L	60.8%	Mixed with Green	Fortnightly
2020-21	North Somerset Council	405.7	Fortnightly 180L	60.4%	Weekly	Weekly
2020-21	Dorset Council	392.0	Fortnightly 140L	60.1%	Weekly	Fortnightly
2020-21	East Devon District Council	269.4	3 Weekly 140L	60.0%	Weekly	Weekly
2020-21	Tandridge District Council	379.6	Fortnightly 180L	59.9%	Weekly	Weekly/Fortnightly

Stockton comparison 698.13 Weekly 240L 25.2% N/A Fortnightly

Stakeholders

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- Customer Satisfaction levels are very high on both Refuse & Recycling Collection Services – Refuse Collection is currently tracking at 94% and Recycling Collection at 91%. Both have regularly been 90%+
- High quality material with very low levels of contamination.
- Review of Kerbside Recycling Collection was last undertaken in 2015/16 with the following recommendations made:
 - 1.Undertake consultation exercise to obtain residents views on current collection methodology*
 - 2.Assess the suitability of current recycling receptacles*
 - 3.Communications strategy to encourage greater recycling participation*

Future National Strategy

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- Mandatory Food Waste Collections April 2026
- Consistency in Collections
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) – October 2025
- Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) – October 2025
- Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) - 2028



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Challenges and Risks

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- Significant financial risk associated with residual waste disposal if we continue at current levels with gate fees significantly increasing
- New Facility currently being procured with other Regional Authorities
- Uncertainty around National Strategy
- Current collection arrangements do not encourage residents to recycle
- Environmental responsibility



Questions

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Place Select Committee
Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste
(Draft) Outline Scope

Scrutiny Chair (Project Director): Cllr Richard Eglinton	Contact details: Richard.Eglinton@stockton.gov.uk
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Departmental Link Officer: Dale Rowbotham (Service Manager)	Contact details: Dale.Rowbotham@stockton.gov.uk
Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address?	
<p>This review will contribute to the following areas of the Council Plan 2023-2026 vision:</p> <p>A place that is clean, vibrant and attractive. This means we will enjoy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • great places to live and visit • clean and green spaces <p>A Council that is ambitious, effective and proud to serve. This means that we will make sure that we provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • financial sustainability and value for money • dedicated and resourceful employees • strong leadership and governance <p>The project would contribute to the Councils Environmental Sustainability & Carbon Reduction Strategy, specifically Aim 3 to “Maximise the use of existing resources, minimise waste and achieve high levels of re-use and recycling”.</p>	
What are the main issues and overall aim of this review?	
<p><u>Main Issues</u></p> <p>Waste and recycling collections impact every resident in the Borough and are a key service and a statutory duty that Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) deliver to residents. The service is highly visible and impacts on every household. The Council’s waste and recycling provisions are very popular with residents and have regularly received excellent customer service feedback.</p> <p>However, collecting refuse weekly in a 240L bin does bring with it a negative effect on the overall household waste recycling rate which the council can achieve. Residents currently have access to a large residual waste disposal capacity of 240 litres every week. This amount of refuse disposal capacity acts as a key disincentive for residents to recycle due to the convenience factor which the 240L green wheeled bins provide. Generally, only those residents with a keen interest</p>	

in recycling, will recycle.

Due to new Government legislation, councils will need to rollout mandatory weekly food waste collections by 1st April 2026. As a result of this rollout date, which also aligns with the start date of the council's new waste disposal contract, SBC's current waste and recycling collection services should be reviewed to ensure an efficient, effective and resilient service in the future.

There are major financial pressures which local authorities will need to deal with over the coming years and, with the expected increase of gate fees from the new waste disposal contract on 1st April 2026, reviewing waste and recycling collections should be seen as an opportunity to help with the financial pressure on the authority.

The most common reason given for retaining weekly collection is the potential for food waste to create a smell and a hazard if it is uncollected for up to 2 weeks. This is particularly likely in warm weather. However, the introduction of mandatory weekly food waste collections from 1st April 2026, would resolve this issue and the benefits of alternative weekly collection of other residual waste may then outweigh the disadvantages.

The Council's continued failure to increase recycling and reduce its carbon impact could become the subject of national Government challenge and penalties as climate change accelerates.

Stockton's current recycling rate is the lowest in the Tees Valley at 24.3% in 2020/21, ranking SBC 328 out of 338 authorities nationally. This compares to the Tees Valley average of 30.58%, the northeast average of 32.84% and a national average of 42%.

Stockton's 240L weekly residual waste capacity has a significant impact on residual waste per household (KG/HH), which can be seen when compared to other Northeast Authorities, with Stockton having the highest KG/HH of the 7 authorities.

The Joint Waste Management Strategy (JWMS) and the *Tees Valley Outline Business Case (TV OBC)* has a target of a 45%-50% Tees Valley Recycling rate by 2027, with a national target of 65% recycling rate for municipal solid waste by 2035. Without significant collection model changes this would not be achievable.

The requirements of the *Resources and Waste Strategy for England 2018* and the *Environment Act 2021* places a statutory duty on all waste collection and unitary authorities in England to collect food waste separately and to treat this waste by recycling. The Council is awaiting clarity around the details of start date and funding, however, after discussions with Defra it is expected that SBC will need to collect food waste by 1st April 2026.

Also, the Government has now released their response to the *Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)* consultation. DRS will be introduced nationally from October 2025 and will include single use drinks containers of plastic bottles and cans. Glass will be excluded from the scheme. Local Authorities will now need to understand how the introduction of DRS will impact the kerbside recycling collections, as any drinks container in scope that would have been placed in the kerbside recycling container will now find its way to a DRS drop off point. It is anticipated that a 'levy' of around 20p will be added to each drinks container upon purchase and this will be refunded to the customer once the item has been returned.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is another element of the strategy and places the responsibility onto packaging producers to cover the full net cost of dealing with the packaging they place on the market. It is expected local authorities will receive payments from 2024/25 for any packaging which finds its way to kerbside waste streams. The details of how this funding mechanism will work is not yet known, though it is believed to be based on the quality and quantity of collected material.

Consistency in Collections is another consultation which will impact SBC collections with legislation which has placed a requirement on councils to collect glass, metal, plastic, paper and card, food and garden waste separately. Whether green waste collections should be free of charge or not is also the subject of discussions as part of this consultation.

Overall aim

Levels of recycling in the Borough are amongst the lowest in the country. The cost of the weekly collection of general waste is increasing rapidly. Food waste collection is likely to be a requirement in the coming years and a proactive approach could contribute to the Council's carbon reduction targets. The free collection of garden waste/green waste also benefits some communities more than others.

Overall, the Council's approach to waste reduction could be improved to reduce the financial and carbon cost. Therefore, this review aims to take into account the potential public resistance but also give appropriate consideration to the importance of the environment, the costs of service delivery, and the direction of national policy over food waste.

The Committee will undertake the following key lines of enquiry:

- What is the current waste management strategy for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) and how does this align with the joint waste management strategy for the Tees Valley?
- What financial and strategic challenges does the authority face regarding waste management in the short, medium and long term?
- How do the key issues surrounding domestic waste, recycling and green waste vary across the Borough?
- How do SBC's recycling rates compare with other local authorities in the Tees Valley/ the North East/ nationally?
- What actions need to be taken following the Government's introduction of mandatory food waste collection?
- How will the introduction of the (Deposit Return Scheme DRS) and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) impact on kerbside waste and recycling collections?
- How can the anticipated rise in gate fees be managed to ease additional financial pressures?
- What are the viable options to alter the current system of kerbside waste and recycling collections?

Who will the Committee be trying to influence as part of its work?

Council, Cabinet, Tees Valley Combined Authority, Government, public.

Expected duration of review and key milestones:

8 months (reporting to Cabinet in February 2024)

Approve scope and project plan – September 2023

Receive evidence – October – November 2023

Draft recommendations – December 2023

Final report – January 2024
Report to Cabinet – February 2024

What information do we need?

Existing information (background information, existing reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.):

HM Government, *Our Waste, Our Resources: A Strategy for England (2021)*. Available at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/765914/resources-waste-strategy-dec-2018.pdf

Environment Act 2021. Available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/30/enacted>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, *Waste Management Plan for England (2021)*. Available at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/955897/waste-management-plan-for-england-2021.pdf

Tees Valley Joint Waste Management Strategy 2020 to 2035. Available at: https://www.stockton.gov.uk/media/2591/Tees-Valley-Joint-Waste-Management-Strategy-2020-to-2035/pdf/Tees_Valley_Joint_Waste_Management_Strategy_2020_to_2035.pdf?m=637813895580900000

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, *Bins, rubbish and recycling webpages*. Available at: <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/bins-rubbish-and-recycling>

Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP), *Citizen Insights: UK Household Food Waste Tracking Survey 2022*. Available at: <https://wrap.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-03/20230309%20Food%20Trends%202022.pdf>

Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)

What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence?

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) Community Services

- Background information (current waste management strategies, current and future challenges and opportunities)
- Data on Tees Valley authorities and other similar authorities (benchmarking)

Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP)

- National perspective and current challenges
- How does SBC compare to other Local Authorities?

How will this information be gathered? (eg. financial baselining and analysis, benchmarking, site visits, face-to-face questioning, telephone survey, survey)

Committee meetings, reports, research, benchmarking, site visits (TBC).

How will key partners and the public be involved in the review?

Committee meetings, information submissions, site visits (TBC).

How will the review help the Council meet the Public Sector Equality Duty?

The Equality Act 2010 protects everyone from discrimination on grounds of nine Protected Characteristics (including – but not limited to – age, gender, disability, ethnicity), and advance equality of opportunity for those with Protected Characteristics. Public bodies must have due regard to the need to encourage people from protected groups to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low.

How will the review contribute towards the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, or the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy?

Stockton Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA): Environment: ‘Waste and recycling’ is included as an aspect of the environment in Stockton-on-Tees that has an influence on public health and wellbeing.

Stockton-on-Tees Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2023: All people in Stockton-on-Tees live in healthy places and sustainable communities.

Provide an initial view as to how this review could lead to efficiencies, improvements and/or transformation:

Due to the introduction of mandatory weekly food waste collections, there are significant opportunities to deliver carbon reductions and environmental benefits across the whole service.

If changes are made from the review of waste and recycling collections, this would also help to support the Council’s aspirations to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions.

The review would also help in achieving the targets set out in the Tees Valley Joint Waste Management Strategy (TVJWMS) which aims to increase recycling levels, reduce the carbon impact of waste management and reduce the amount of waste generated by households.

Project Plan			
Key Task	Details/Activities	Date	Responsibility
Scoping of Review	Information gathering	July 2023	Scrutiny Officer Link Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review	24.07.2023	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Agree Project Plan	Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee	11.09.2023	Select Committee
Publicity of Review	Determine whether Communications Plan needed	TBC	Link Officer, Scrutiny Officer
Obtaining Evidence	Background presentation and benchmarking	09.10.2023	Select Committee
		13.11.2023	
	Site visit & Evidence Session	30.11.2023	
Members decide recommendations and findings	Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations	11.12.23	Select Committee
Circulate Draft Report to Stakeholders	Circulation of Report	TBC	Scrutiny Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss findings of review and draft recommendations	21.12.2023	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Final Agreement of Report	Approval of final report by Committee	15.01.2024	Select Committee, Cabinet Member, Director
Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee	Consideration of report	05.03.2024	Executive Scrutiny Committee
Report to Cabinet/Approving Body	Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet	15.02.2024	Cabinet / Approving Body

Place Select Committee Work Programme 2023-2024

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Monday 10 July 2023	Overview Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centres Development • Environment, Leisure & Green Infrastructure • Community Services • Inclusive Growth & Development • Housing and A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees 	Cllr Nigel Cooke/ Cllr Clare Gamble/ Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE/ Garry Cummings/ Reuben Kench/ Ann Workman/ Carolyn Nice/ Neil Mitchell/ Craig Willows
Monday 11 September 2023	Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope and Project Plan 	Dale Rowbotham/ Craig Willows
Monday 9 October 2023	Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence Gathering 	Dale Rowbotham/ Craig Willows
Monday 13 November 2023	Monitoring: Progress Update - Highways Asset Management (including Potholes and Flooding) Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence Gathering 	Ian Raine Dale Rowbotham/ Craig Willows
Thursday 30 November 2023 (12-4pm)	Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence Gathering and Site Visits 	Dale Rowbotham/ Craig Willows
Monday 11 December 2023 (informal)	Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Evidence / Draft Recommendations 	Dale Rowbotham/ Craig Willows

Place Select Committee Work Programme 2023-2024

Date (2pm unless stated)	Topic	Attendance
Monday 15 January 2024	Scrutiny Review of Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Draft) Final Report 	Dale Rowbotham/ Craig Willows
Monday 12 February 2024	Overview Reports	TBC
Monday 11 March 2024		

Remaining Monitoring Items (to be scheduled)

Progress Updates

- Burial Provision
- Residents Parking Zones
- Planning (Development Management) and Adoption of Open Space