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# Background – Simpler Recycling

The Simpler Recycling Reforms were announced by the Government in 2023 as a means of making recycling collections from all households, businesses and relevant non-domestic premises across the Country easier to understand.


Implemented under s45A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (introduced by the Environment Act 2021) the reforms are aimed to enable consistent, more streamlined collections so that citizens will be able to recycle the same materials across England whether at home, work or school.

It is anticipated that the provision of a comprehensive set of waste and recycling services will end the 'postcode lottery' of bin collections and enable householders to recycle as much waste as possible.




# Background – Simpler Recycling

The reforms introduce a default requirements for households and workplaces to have containers to allow for the separate collection of:-

- Non-recyclable waste
  - Paper, card, plastic, metal and glass (minimum)
  - Food Waste
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- Non-household premises such as businesses, hospitals and schools – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025
  - Local Authority household collections – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026
  - Micro businesses (fewer than 10 full time employees) – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027
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# Food Waste Board

A food waste board meets regularly to identify and prepare requirements. The board includes representatives from across the council :-

- Fleet - Vehicles
  - Procurement – Containers, treatment
  - Technical Services - Routing
  - Digital Services – online reporting / links to in cab
  - People Services (HR) - Recruitment
  - Resident Experience – Customer service training / requirements
  - Comms – initial and ongoing communication and design / web page / FAQ's
  - Finance – service planning / budget allocation
  - Operations – RA's, training requirements
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# Funding

The Council received £1,869,505 of capital funding in April 2024 to cover the cost of securing the additional vehicles and containers required for the implementation of a weekly food waste service for residents.

The Government have confirmed that ongoing resource funding will be provided from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 to cover the additional revenue costs associated with introducing the service.

- ❖ To date we have not received clarification of how much revenue funding we will be allocated.



# Food Waste Collection Vehicles



10 x 12t Micro XHD food waste collection vehicles were ordered in June 2024

Delivery of first vehicle is expected in May / June 2025

One-piece sealed body fitted with a comb bin lift which is capable of lifting bins from 120l to 1100l

Double acting ram packing mechanism

Excellent maneuverability and fitted with crew cabs to ensure that crews have suitable space

# 23 litre Food Waste Caddies

Contract procured for 141,000 food waste caddies

- 23 litre capacity
- Presented by the resident on collection day
- Delivery of the caddies to a storage facility in Coventry has commenced

Contract includes delivery of the caddies to all participating households across the City

- Includes provision of a leaflet





# Organic Waste Treatment



A contract has been procured for the treatment of the food waste that will be collected.

Biogen – Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Facility based in Merevale near Atherstone.

The facility is capable of processing 45,000 tonnes of food waste per year.



# Next Steps

Service commencement date

- Routing
- Recruitment

Flats

- Containers

Communications Plan



# Comms Plan



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**Thank You**

