

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## CABINET

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**Date of meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009  
**Report of:** Strategic Director - Places  
**Title:** Alternate Weekly Waste Collection in the area of the former Congleton Borough Council

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### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The report outlines the proposal to introduce an alternate weekly collection of the residual waste (dark grey/black bins) to households in the area of the former Congleton Borough Council. If approved this will harmonise the collection of residual waste to households throughout the area of Cheshire East Council.

### **2.0 Decision Required**

- 2.1 That the Cabinet approve the introduction of an alternate weekly collection for the collection of residual waste (dark grey/black bins) from households within the area of the former Congleton Borough Council.

### **3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs**

- 3.1 Nil

### **4.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond**

- 4.1 The Council approved a budget saving of £230,000 for the financial year 2009/10. This saving is made up:-

Pay/staffing costs - £130,000

Non Pay/Vehicle and operating costs - £100,000

- 4.2 The saving is based upon the introduction of the alternate weekly collection service on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009, a full year costing.
- 4.3 The alternate weekly collection service is planned to commence from 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009. The impact of the revised collection in terms of vehicles and associated personnel is projected at three refuse collection vehicles and their associated crews. The budgeted saving is projected at a saving of two refuse collection vehicles and their associated crews. This will increase the savings from the start date and in a full year will give greater annual savings.

- 4.4 The introduction of an alternate weekly collection service is linked to the introduction of the enhanced garden waste collection service to households in the area of the former Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council. Vehicles and their associated crews which are not required in the area of the former Congleton Borough Council will transfer to provide the enhanced garden waste collection service to households in the area of the former Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council.

## **5.0 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 Nil

## **6.0 Risk Assessment**

- 6.1 The main risk is that the full year savings for 2009/10 may not be achievements in spite of the greater projected saving in number of refuse collection vehicles and their associated crews as compared to the budgeted saving. However, the commensurately late introduction of the free garden waste collection service to households in the area of the former Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council will delay incurring additional costs. This will result in an effective saving against the introduction cost in the financial year 2009/10. This will offset savings not fully achieved with the later introduction of the alternate weekly collection service in the area of the former Congleton Borough Council.

## **7.0 Background and Options**

- 7.1 The Waste Collection and Disposal Task Group considered on several occasions the introduction of alternate weekly, residual waste collections in the former Congleton Borough Council area.
- 7.2 The Work Programme for the Task Group considered this topic resulting in the production of a project plan, which indicated an introduction date some eleven weeks post early April 2009.
- 7.3 The introduction of the alternate weekly collection of the residual waste (dark grey/black wheelie bins) will bring the area of the former Congleton Borough Council in line with the level of service provided for the other households in the Cheshire East Council.
- 7.4 The overall budget for Cheshire East Council, approved by the Cabinet on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009, contained the introduction of this revised collection service and a full year saving of £230,000 which is reflected in the reduction in the number of refuse collection vehicles and their respective crews. This saving in 2009/10 whilst not fully achieved is offset by the later introduction of the free garden waste collection service in the area of the former Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council. The additional cost of this service will not be fully expended in 2009/10.

## **8.0 Overview of Day One, Year One and Term One Issues**

8.1 Those are contained within the report in particular at 6.1 Risk Management.

## **9.0 Reasons for Recommendation**

9.1 The Waste Collection Service to the households throughout the Cheshire East Council have a number of differences in terms of collection service offered for the residual waste. Residual waste is that which is not recycled by the householder and has been deposited in a dark grey/black wheelie bin which is sent to landfill.

9.2 In general terms the dark grey/black wheelie bins has a capacity of 240 litres. If the household recycles a reasonable proportion of their household waste the capacity of a 240 litre wheelie bin is considered to be adequate for an alternative weekly collection service. Households within larger families or with medical conditions can obtain a larger wheelie bin. Similarly the assisted collection service is available to households who meet the collection conditions.

9.3 The reason for the introduction of the alternative weekly collection is to bring the collection service to all Cheshire East households to a similar service level, namely alternate weekly collection.

9.4 If the Cabinet approve this report as recommended, it is proposed to commence the service with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009, following a leaflet distribution and publicity campaign in association with the Communications Team.

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### ***Background Documents:***

*Documents are available for inspection at:*