
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	27 October 2022
Report By:	Interim Director, Environment & Regeneration	Report No:	ENV040/22/KL
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Subject:	Brown Bin Collection – Extension Due to Strike Action		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting

1.2 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Committee to extend the brown bin collections as a result of the recent strike action by refuse collectors.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee agree that the Brown Bin collections be extended in line with the proposals identified within this report.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 The councils brown bin collections normally run from, mid-march until around the second week in November annually with customers prepaying for the service.
- 3.2 Customers receive 18 collections annually on the same fortnightly schedule as their blue bins with customers either being in week 1 phase or week 2 phase of collections.
- 3.3 Due to the recent strike action from 24th August to 31st August, no brown bins were collected. The strike recovery plan further paused brown bin collections for the week following the strike. As a result customers on the week 1 phase missed one collection and those on week 2 missed 2 collections.
- 3.4 Collections of Brown Bins would have been scheduled with the last collections on the following dates

Week 1 - week commencing 7th November 2022

Week 2 - week commencing 14th November 2022

4.0 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 In order to ensure we deliver the range of services our customers have paid for the options identified were:-

Offer a refund – this option is unfeasible due to relatively low cost of refund (around £1.78 per missed collection) and complexity in ensuring all refunds are appropriate dependent on missed collections.

Extend bin collection to ensure permit holders receive the same level of service anticipated at the commencement of the year. This is the recommended approach to fulfilling the customer expectation.

- 4.2 It is proposed to extend the bin collections as follows:

Last collection on week commencing

Week 1 – 5th December

Week 2 – 12th December

- 4.3 It is considered that there are no additional costs or budget pressures in extending the collections as a result of the industrial action for the following reasons:-

- Fuel- no fuel expended during strike so any costs are in budget
- Maintenance – Included within budget
- Disposal – Included with budget
- Staff costs –no payments would have been made to staff during the period of industrial action.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO	N/A
Financial		X	
Legal/Risk		X	
Human Resources		X	
Strategic (LOIP/Corporate Plan)		X	
Equalities & Fairer Scotland Duty			X
Children & Young People's Rights & Wellbeing			X
Environmental & Sustainability		X	
Data Protection			X

5.2 **Finance**

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report (£000s)	Virement From	Other Comments
NA					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

5.3 **Legal/Risk**

There are no Legal Implications arising from this report.

5.4 **Human Resources**

There are no HR implications arising from this report.

5.5 **Strategic**

There are no strategic implications arising from this report.

5.6 **Environmental/Sustainability**

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

X	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
	NO

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 There is no consultation pertaining to this proposal.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 There are no background papers relevant to this proposal.