

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

North Tyneside Council Response to the Government Consultation on Consistency in Household and Business Recycling in England.

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Cllr Sandra Graham, Cabinet Member for Environment.

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None.

4. Executive summary

The Government published a new national strategy for waste in December 2018. It stated its intention to introduce legislation aimed at creating a 'circular economy': minimising waste and using it as a resource. This will have a direct impact on local authorities.

In November 2019 Cabinet approved a 10-year plan for waste which identified the actions that the Authority will need to take in order to address the future challenges anticipated. Legislation to enable the strategic aims of government is currently being considered by parliament.

In anticipation of the introduction of enabling legislation, government is currently consulting on promoting consistency in household and business recycling in England. The proposals will require all local authorities to collect a standard set of recyclable materials from households and, where applicable, undertake commercial waste collections. These changes are aimed at contributing to the Government's commitment of achieving a recycling rate of 65% for municipal waste by 2035. The new set of recyclable materials will include dry recyclable materials, food waste and garden waste.

5. Alternative Options considered

To decline from submitting a response to the government's consultation.

6. Decision(s)

The Cabinet Member for Environment has decided that a response to the consultation be submitted and approved the proposed course of action set out at section 1.2 of the report to allow the response to be submitted.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

By providing a response to the consultation, the Authority can directly lobby government on the implementation of forthcoming national household and business waste recycling policies.

8. Date Decision Made

30 June 2021

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

*No – see below.

10. Date of Publication

30 June 2021

11. Implementation Date

30 June 2021

*Note – The decision is not subject to Call-In, as agreed by the Chair of Council, due to the following reasons(s):

To enable the response to be submitted by 4 July 2021 when the consultation closes.