

Single Member Cabinet Decision**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference****E3520****Revisions to DIY Waste limits at the Council's Household Waste & Recycling Centres**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Tim Ball, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services Cllr Kevin Guy, Leader of the Council
The Issue	<p>As part of the national Resources and Waste Strategy 2018, the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) committed to ensuring waste regulations were clear and being consistently applied in relation to waste generated by small scale DIY construction activities by householders.</p> <p>As a result, the Controlled Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2012 have been amended and those changes came into force from 31st December 2023. The purpose of this report is to align our recycling centre policies with the limits that are detailed in this revised legislation.</p>
Decision Date	14th February 2024
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees that the following to be implemented from 4th March 2024;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The volume of DIY waste that will be permitted to be disposed of as household waste shall be no more than two 50 litre bags in a single visit, with no more than four single visits per household in any four-week period.• That the implementation of all future waste legislative changes is delegated to the Director of Place Management in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.
Rationale for decision	The purpose of this report is to ensure we align with the legislation changes now applicable to England and Wales.
Financial and budget implications	There are no specific budget implications associated with this change to align with legislation amendments. Householders with more than the permitted DIY waste volumes will be advised to hire a skip or to use a licenced waste removal company. Residents who have an urgent need to dispose of their waste can use the Council's trade waste disposal facilities by visiting the weighbridge in Bath and paying the published rates.
Issues considered	Customer Focus; Sustainability; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Corporate; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations.

Consultation undertaken	Cabinet colleagues; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer;	
How consultation was carried out	The Council's Monitoring Officer, Section 151 Officer and Strategic Director for Place have had the opportunity to input to this report.	
Other options considered	Other options considered but discounted are summarised in the table below.	
	Option	Reason not taken forward
	Continue with status quo - 6 bag per week limit	Inconsistent with legislation change
	Permits for DIY waste	Back-office administration required to manage the permit scheme. Increased barrier to residents.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:	None	
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None	
Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	Cllr Kevin Guy (In Cllr Ball's absence)	
Date of Signature	14/02/2024	
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision		