Waste strategy consultation
‘Have your say’

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South Gloucestershire’s waste strategy 2015-2020

Background

The management of household waste is a key service provided by the council, it helps protect the local environment. The Council’s Waste Strategy plays an important part in helping residents understand the impact of waste and how we can all work towards an environmentally sustainable future.

Waste minimisation and prevention is our priority. An outcome of previous strategies has seen an impressive reduction of total waste by 61 percent since 2000. Despite this success there are still challenges and our waste is higher than our statistical neighbours. The new strategy outlines how we will continue to reduce waste across the region.

Our second priority is recycling. Since we embarked on the 25 year partnership with Suez (formally SITA) we have made excellent progress in our recycling and composting performance. The refuse and recycling services have been transformed; in 2000 we collectively recycled and composted seven percent of our municipal waste, in 2014-15 this had increased to 47.5 percent. However this is below the European target of 50 percent by 2020 and therefore recycling continues to be an important priority.

The last few years have seen very challenging times for the whole economy and the council has faced significant cuts. This strategy has to find ways to drive waste out of landfill, putting it to better use, without increasing overall cost. We need to treat waste as a resource to be tapped rather than a problem.

The strategy presents the best available options for South Gloucestershire to enable it to meet our environmental aspirations of reducing waste and encouraging a circular economy through recycling, reuse and repair. At the same time we also need to ensure financial targets are met to deliver savings to the council.

The new proposed changes to the service intends to simplify the kerbside offering to residents. It will encourage reuse and recycling through; increasing recycling collections to weekly and reducing the size of the black bin. These two proposals come as a package and would be delivered together.

Have your say

We are interested in your views on the updated strategy and in particular your views on the new kerbside service and how it may affect you as a resident. We are also open to any further ideas that residents may have to help deliver our a waste and recycling services.

Further details about the proposals are available in the draft waste strategy 2015-2020.

The consultation will be open for 14 weeks from the 9 November to the 15 February.
How can I find out more?

Roadshows will be held on the following dates and locations.

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Presentations:

We will be giving short presentations at the following Area Forum meetings and Town and Parish Council meetings:

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<td>Bitton Parish Council meeting, North Common Village Hall, Millers Drive, BS30 8XX</td>
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The survey: What do you think?

Priorities
The vision and priorities of the waste service are to reduce waste and encourage a circular economy through seeing waste as valuable resource and supporting reuse, repair and recycling.

Q.1 How strongly do you agree or disagree with our priorities:

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Increasing recycling
Increasing recycling is important to meet EU recycling targets and we know that 52 percent of the average black bin contents could be recycled. By increasing recycling we can reduce the cost of running the waste service as the material has value which is used to offset the cost and diverts waste away from more expensive treatment and processing. We are therefore proposing that kerbside recycling is collected weekly, alongside changes to the size of the black bin (see Q5).

Q.2 Please use this space to make any comments on the proposal for weekly recycling.
It is proposed that we stop collecting engine oil, household and car batteries from the kerbside. It will still be possible to dispose of these items at the Sort It Centres.

Q.3 Please use this space to make any comments about this proposal.

Recycling containers

We currently provide ten different containers for free to households and residents living in flats. Last year we delivered over 58,000 containers to residents in South Gloucestershire at a cost of £215,837. We also know from feedback that some people find the current system confusing and the number of containers used to store and collect the waste difficult to manage. We are therefore considering options to reduce and improve containers choice and make the service more convenient to use by providing containers to replace the existing bags.

Q.4 How strongly do you agree or disagree with the proposal to stop using the plastic, cardboard and paper bags and instead provide alternative containers?

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Q.5 Please use this space to make any comments on the containers used for the kerbside recycling service or our proposal to change them.
Black Bins

Every household is currently provided with a 240 litre black bin for non-recyclable residual waste. The size of the bins has not changed for over 20 years when they were first introduced and there was very limited kerbside recycling. Our neighbouring authorities in Bristol and North Somerset have already reduced the size of the black bin. The waste analysis shows that over half of the waste in black bins could be recycled using the existing kerbside recycling service. Recycling this waste will save the council money and you as a tax payer.

To enable us to reduce waste by encouraging recycling, we are proposing reducing the size of the black bin at the same time as improving the opportunities to recycle. We will do this by providing a new smaller black bin alongside additional weekly recycling collections.

**Q.6 Please use this space to make any comments on the proposal to reduce the size of the black bin**

There are some households that have and will continue to need additional black bin space such as large families or residents with medical conditions.

**Q.7 How strongly do you agree or disagree with changing the criteria for receiving additional black bin space from 5 to 6 members of a household and from to 2 to 3 children in nappies?**

- [ ] Strongly agree
- [ ] Tend to agree
- [ ] Neither agree or disagree
- [ ] Tend to disagree
- [ ] Strongly disagree
Q.8 Please use this space to make any comments about residual waste collections (black bin waste) and our proposals


Your comments and ideas
Q.9 Please use this space to make any other comments that you think are relevant to our waste strategy and services and how you may be impacted by the proposals being considered.
About you:

This section is really important as it helps us to gain a better understanding of the needs of different service users, the views of different people and how they could be impacted by any changes. This information will remain confidential and will be used for analysis purposes only. Your personal information will not be published and individuals will not be identified.

Are you responding to this consultation as?

☐ A local resident

☐ A parish or town council

☐ A local voluntary or community organisation

☐ Other, please specify __________________________

Please tell us your full postcode

Which of these statements best describes your attitudes to and opinions on recycling at home?

☐ I recycle even if it requires additional effort

☐ I recycle when I remember

☐ I recycle if it does not require additional effort

☐ I do not recycle

☐ I find it easy

☐ I find all the containers difficult to store/unsightly

☐ I find it convenient

☐ I don’t understand the recycling system

☐ It fits into my normal routine

☐ I don’t see why I should recycle

☐ Its important to recycle to help the environment

☐ I can’t see the benefits of recycling

☐ It’s too time consuming

☐ I should be able to recycle a wider range of material

☐ I can’t be bothered

☐ I find it inconvenient
If you are responding as an organisation you do not need to answer the following questions.

**What type of housing do you live in?**

- [ ] High rise flat (more than 4 floors)
- [ ] Low rise flat (less than 4 floors)
- [ ] Bungalow
- [ ] Terraced House
- [ ] Semi-detached house
- [ ] Detached house
- [ ] Mobile home
- [ ] Shared accommodation
- [ ] Other, please specify ____________________________

**How many people live in your household?**

- Pre school children
- School age children
- Adults
- Pensioners

**Are you?**

- [ ] Female
- [ ] Male
- [ ] Prefer not to say

**How old are you?**

- Under 25
- 26 to 35
- 36 to 45
- 46 to 55
- 56 to 65
- 66 to 75
- Over 75
- Prefer not to say

**Do you consider yourself to have a disability?**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Prefer not to say

If yes, please tell us how this impacts on your use of waste and recycling services
Please tell us your ethnic origin

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey. Please return it by 15 February 2016 to: FREEPOST Plus RTCT-JXLE-EET, South Gloucestershire Council, Corporate Research & Consultation Team, Sort it Centre Consultation, Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, BRISTOL, BS15 9TR.

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