

East Herts Council – Non-Key Decision Record

Record of executive decision made by an individual under Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Reference Number: NKD24/06

Taken by: Councillor Hoskin – Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability

Decision

- To support the existing pilot scheme being trialled within the shared waste service contract area; an expansion of the trial area to include part of the Sawbridgeworth ward. This is to trial kerbside collections of plastic film and wrapping (soft plastics) for approximately 2500 households in support of future services already agreed for 2025 implementation.
- (A) That Councillor Tim Hoskin agree to the expansion of the Flex Collect trial and kerbside collections of soft plastics; and**
- (B) That Councillor Tim Hoskin delegates to the Head of Operations any necessary change to the collection demographic and area for the trial.**

Date of Decision

24th April 2024

Reason(s) for decision

To inform collection methodologies for future services in 2025. To inform processing requirements for future contacts in 2025.

The aim of the project is to give insight into the types and quantities of soft plastics available. Participating in the trial will give the Council an opportunity to test and better understand the operational implications of collections and processing requirements which will inform the new service roll out in 2025. Currently soft plastics are not accepted in the kerbside recycling service.

The trial does not wholly mimic the 2025 services and will inform appropriate soft plastics collection methodology for 2025. The data will inform our future MRF contract procurement or extension needs for 2025 and provide data for the wider industry to better prepare for the anticipated mandated collection of soft plastics.

Details of alternative options considered and rejected

To not participate in the trial; however, this has been discounted due to the benefits of soft testing and gathering information on likely participation levels, collection methods, and tonnages. Not participating would also be a missed opportunity to better negotiate future MRF contract procurement / extension with improved data.

Does the decision or report contain exempt information?

No

State nature of any declaration of conflict of interest made by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Member taking the decision

N/A

State, in respect of any declared conflict of interest, whether any dispensation has been granted

N/A

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