



**Report to**      **Cabinet**

**Subject**        **Summer Service (Weekly Domestic Refuse Collection)**

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## **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To review the summer weekly domestic waste collection service and determine whether it should continue in 2011.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 The report presented to Council on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007 identified that to operate the summer service funding of £151,500 per annum would be needed. This cost increased to £160,000 in 2008 due to fuel and vehicle hire charge increases but to alleviate this additional cost for the last two years, refuse freighters that were replaced in accordance with our vehicle capital replacement programme were kept on the fleet rather than being sold. This has resulted in costs being kept down to a minimum and the budget for 2011/12 includes an estimate of £149,300 for this service.
- 2.2 During 2008 the Policy Review Scrutiny Committee determined that they would review the summer service weekly collection of domestic waste and a working group was formed.
- 2.3 The working group considered a number of issues and reported back to the Scrutiny Committee in November 2008. This report was approved and one of the six recommendations included presenting the findings to Cabinet in December 2008. The other two key recommendations being:-
- That the Council continues to operate the twelve week summer service collection of domestic waste
  - That the working group reconvene in 18-24 months to consider the ongoing need for the summer service collection of domestic waste and to consider if any new or alternative waste minimisation initiatives are available.
- 2.4 Although no formal exercise has been undertaken in the past few years, participation in the scheme is estimated at no more than 40% and the additional amount of waste collected is less than 100 tonnes per week from the 25,000 households per week on the collection rounds.

- 2.5 The working group did not reconvene in 2010 and the Council set the budget in March 2011 to include the continuation of the summer service from late June 2011.

### **3.0 Proposal**

- 3.1 It is proposed to cancel the summer service in 2011 and remove the £149,300 from the waste services budget for 2011/12.
- 3.2 The Council will continue to promote waste minimisation and in partnership with neighbouring Authorities promote the DEFRA Love Food, Hate Waste campaign. Funding of £20,000 has been obtained by all Nottinghamshire Councils from the Waste Resource Action Programme (WRAP) and this has been spent on a number of banners, leaflets, recipe cards, games and display equipment to promote waste minimisation. Direct Services will be actively promoting this campaign over the summer including the Arnold Carnival and Gedling Show.
- 3.3 The Council will also continue to actively promote the garden waste collection service and bulky household waste collections to ensure that residents are fully aware of the alternative ways of disposing of waste.

### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The following amounts will be reduced from the waste services budgets for 2011/12:-

Description	Amount
Employee costs	£79,700
Vehicle costs	£58,900
Other costs including protective clothing, publicity and promotion	£10,700
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£149,300</b>

### **5.0 Recommendation**

- 5.1 It is recommended that the summer weekly collection of domestic waste ceases with immediate effect.

### **6.0 Wards Affected**

All

### **7.0 Background Papers**

- I. Report by Senior Management Team to Council May 2007
- II. Report by Policy Review Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet December 2008