

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD  
WAS HELD ON 7 JULY 2021**

**85. ADDITIONAL REFUSE COLLECTION ROUND**

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Streetscene seeking approval for an additional waste collection round and associated increase in budget costs.

The Board was advised of an addendum to the report in that at point 2.4 the figure of £2188 should be replaced with £1906.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board was advised that there had been a delay in proposing the amendment as it was hoped that the legislation for the standardisation of refuse and waste collection would be released. It had been difficult to consider making a decision when the outcome may not be compatible with unknown plans. The situation was now such that a decision needed to be taken to ensure that the refuse collection service was not compromised.

Members expressed concern at the current recycling rates in the Borough and it was explained to the Board that currently domestic waste was sent for incineration and that recycling waste was sent to the sorting facility. The Borough currently had an extremely low rate of waste being sent to landfill, which was mainly when residents placed non recyclables into the recycling bins.

The Board was advised that Gosport had lower than average rate of domestic tonnage and a Member requested that further information on the tonnage of the waste in Gosport be provided and the details of the amount produced.

Members recognised the importance of the refuse collection service remaining secure as it had been shown in other authorities that there was significant disruption if services were interrupted.

Members recognised that the proposal was important and recommended that any Members offered the opportunity should visit the recycling centre in Portsmouth.  
If the opportunity arose as it was a fascinating insight into process of recycling.

Members were advised that when the 'brown' garden waste bins were not being collected the additional truck was used as a shuttle to reduce the turnaround from the waste disposal site.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Board approved an additional waste collection round for Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent as a result of operational requirements as detailed in option 1 of the report.
2. That this report is forwarded to the Policy & Organisation Board to approve the additional funding as laid out in this report.