

**COUNCIL MEETING – 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2022**

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White Paper	WP1	14/3/2022	15/3/2022

Submitted by: Councillor Paul Wadsworth  
 Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel: Executive Board  
 Executive Member/Chair: Executive Member for Environment and Housing  
 Relevant Director: Director of Communities, Housing and Environment

This Council calls for a comprehensive review of waste management services to ensure they are providing value for money for Leeds residents and meeting our climate goals.

Council regrets that the cost of the refuse collection service rose significantly in 2021/22 at the same time as residents saw a marked drop in performance. It is unacceptable that even now, as pandemic restrictions have eased, many areas are still experiencing an unreliable service with frequent missed collections causing significant disruption.

Council further regrets the length of time it took the administration to finally remove charges for bulky waste collections, something opposition groups have long called for as a way of helping to reduce fly-tipping. The refusal to act earlier undoubtedly had a financial and environmental impact that could have been avoided.

Council welcomes the government’s increased investment in Defra and its support for the near elimination of biodegradable municipal waste by 2028. This includes government funding to implement free local authority food waste collections. But Council believes the Council administration must do more to improve the recycling offer in Leeds.

Council calls for an urgent report to Executive Board setting out the following:

- Development of an action plan to target and rapidly improve performance in areas that have suffered from repeated missed bin collections;
- The scrapping of inert waste charges, as part of wider efforts to reduce flytipping;
- Implementation of an improved recycling offer for Leeds residents that includes: glass recycling, enhanced garden waste collections, and food waste collections.

Councillor Paul Wadsworth

**Deadlines for submission**

White Papers - 10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons  
 Questions - 10.00 am on Monday before the meeting  
 Amendments - 10.00 am on the day before the meeting

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(All submissions should be made to Governance Services for receipt to be recorded and distribution made)

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