

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS RECOMMENDED FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEMBER BODIES

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1.0 LICENSING COMMITTEE – 11 SEPTEMBER 2024

a) Gambling Policy Consultation

The Committee considered a report, **(Z53 attached at Appendix A)**, which detailed a revised version of the Council's Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles for Council adoption.

As a result of the consultation, no objections had been received.

Stewart Broome, the Senior Licensing Officer, explained that accessibility concerns had been addressed, including capitalisation and phraseology throughout the document. He added that matters relating to the white papers had been raised in the previous Committee meeting but these were not in the consultation, or the proposed policy, as they were not yet law. Further, it was noted that should members approve this document it would go to Full Council. If adopted by Council, it would be advertised for a period of 2 months, coming into force on January 31st, 2025.

The Chair invited Members to ask questions.

Cllr Mark Inskip raised a point of notice that in section 11.1 of the document it mentioned the Data Protection Act 1998, however, the most recent version of this Act was in 2018. The Senior Licensing Officer thanked Cllr Inskip for raising this and assured members that while this concern did not materially impact validity at this stage, the document would be comprehensively reviewed prior to being presented before Full Council.

Cllr Alan Sharp expressed concern that the Council would be altering the admission fees for a race course in his ward. The Senior Licensing Officer assured the Committee that the Council had no powers to do this.

Cllr John Trapp raised minor concerns relating to spelling and grammar, which he agreed to go through, in full, with the Senior Licensing Officer after the meeting.

It was resolved unanimously:

That the revisions be accepted, with the Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles (Three Year Review) sent to Full Council for adoption.

2.0 OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

a) Waste and Street Cleansing Service Proposals

The Committee considered a report, (**Z57 attached at Appendix B**), regarding the proposals from the Member Working Party for the future Waste Collection and Street Cleansing service.

The Director Operations presented the report and Members made comments and asked questions. It was noted that in the third bullet point on page 85 of the agenda regarding a free green waste collection service, the words “twice weekly” should be amended to “fortnightly”.

Cllr John Trapp suggested that more than 52 caddy liners should be provided to residents. The Chair explained that the Council would be providing free caddy liners for the first year only.

Cllr John Trapp suggested that the collection rounds be amended so that the vehicles collected food, non-recyclable and recyclable waste. The Chair explained that collection vehicles were very expensive and so it made financial sense to have specialist vehicles for the different types of waste collected.

The Director Operations explained that the fact that it took longer for waste operatives to collect wheeled bins instead of black bins had been factored in to the collection rounds. Members of the Committee recognised the benefits of wheeled bins as black bags could split and contain sharp items that were a hazard to collection operatives.

Cllr Mark Inskip stated that it was imperative that any changes to the service were fully communicated to residents. Cllr John Trapp suggested that residents should be informed of the savings being realised by the new scheme when being asked to accept it. The Chair stated that all councillors would have a role to play in ensuring residents understood the new scheme.

Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith recommended that all new properties had places to store their bins as part of a planning condition. The Chair added that alternatives would be offered to those properties which had no place to store their bins.

Members of the Committee commended the cross party working group for successfully investigating this issue and coming up with excellent recommendations.

The Committee unanimously recommended to Full Council:

- 1. That the Council implements the measures as detailed in section 4.3 - 4.5 of this report and collect food waste in a separate container, on a weekly basis by 31 March 2026.**

2. That the Council implements the collection of residual waste in a 180lt wheeled bin on a fortnightly basis as detailed in section 4.3 - 4.5 of this report by 31 March 2026.
3. That the Council retains a free fortnightly garden waste collection service that is suspended for 6 weeks during winter and Christmas catch up period by 31 March 2026.
4. That the Council removes the annual subscription charge for a second garden waste bin from 1 April 2026.
5. That the Council removes the one-off charge for an additional recycling bin from 1 April 2026.
6. Instruct the Director of Operations to progress with the procurement of vehicles, caddies and bins required to implement 1. and 2. above by 31st March 2026.
7. That the Council approves the supporting mobilisation and communication plans as detailed in Appendices 3 and 4.
8. That the Council retain the current street cleansing service specification, with minor changes to ways of working set out in sections 4.19 - 4.21.
9. That the Council review the Street Cleansing specification in one year's time with regards to how it has enabled performance delivery against the Key Performance Indicators with ECSS (East Cambs Street Scene) to determine any new specification for implementation from 1 April 2026.

b) Waste and Street Cleansing Delivery Model

The Committee considered a report, (**Z59 attached at Appendix C**), regarding the outcomes of the waste service review Working Party to inform the decision on the future delivery model for provision of waste collection and street cleansing services.

The Director Operations presented the report and Members made comments and asked questions.

The Director Operations assured Cllr Kathrin Holtzmann that the carbon footprint of the Waste Service was not considered by this report as it was only looking at the Service's Delivery Model and was covered in the waste collection and street cleansing proposals report previously considered. It was agreed that this fact should be included in future reports.

Cllr Mark Inskip explained that the Working Party had considered going out to tender for an external provider or bringing the service in-house but had concluded that providing a formal contract with the ECSS was the preferable solution. Cllr Lucius Vellacott stated that the ECSS shared the Council's values and ensured a proper use of public funds.

It was unanimously recommended to Council to:

- 1. Approve the decision to proceed with using East Cambs Street Scene Ltd (ECSS) as set out in section 4.7-4.8.**
- 2. Authorise the Director Operations to develop the service specification and, in consultation with Director Legal, prepare a new contracting arrangement to commence from 1 April 2026.**