



Member Question to Council

QUESTIONS FROM	QUESTIONS TO
Councillor Debbie Young	Councillor Simon Pickering, Chair of Environment Committee
<p>1. Given the new waste service with its overrun on budget at the tax payers expense taken into account those with special needs, how will people with colostomy bags manage with waste being held around for 14 days? I have been asked this by a constituent who has recently undergone surgery and is extremely worried.</p>	<p>The medical advice for the disposal of colostomy bags and their contents is to empty and wash them out before putting them out for waste collection. This is the approach that was taken during the 2007/2008 trial in the Stanley's where it was reported to be appropriate.</p>
<p>2. Does the new waste service with its severely overrun budget take into account precedence of those who have been given green bags for recycling as they cannot take a green waste bin but are now forced to take a take new residual waste bin when they clearly do not have the space to house one?</p>	<p>There are residents that will have received green hessian bags as opposed to wheelie bins for their recycling materials back in 2012. Since then changes in wheelie bin vehicles mean that we can now access more of the properties that would have originally been allocated bags. Members will be aware of the need to mechanise the collection process as much as possible in order to protect the long term health of the waste collectors by using wheelie bins rather than bags where possible. This approach has been discussed by the cross party task and finish group and has support from all political group representatives.</p> <p>The aim of the new waste and recycling system is to dramatically reduce the amount sent to landfill and increase recycling rates.</p>
<p>3. How much does it cost for council to send out a letter?</p>	<p>Franking charges for standard letters sent via the mailroom are: 1st Class: £0.51 2nd Class: £0.37 1 sheet of A4 paper: < £0.01 1 standard envelope: < £0.01 Lots of bulk mailing is outsourced to Imail (2nd class only) who charge the following rates for a standard letter: 2nd Class: £0.32 *Note – the charges for Imail include the costs of paper, printing and the envelope.</p>