

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

Public Consultation



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Proposed Changes to the Waste Collection Service

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Why are we talking about changing your waste collection service?

Because we need to recycle more

Although Ceredigion is performing quite well, **half** of the waste that we currently put into black bags **could have been recycled** or put in the food waste bin. We need to recycle more and deal with our food waste more responsibly.

People generally recognise that recycling is a good thing and most of us in Ceredigion already use the clear recycling bags and the food waste bins that the Council provides. This is much better for the environment than putting our rubbish into black bags and sending it for treatment or dumping it in landfill.

It actually costs us much more to deal with the waste that is put into black bags. This means that if more people use the clear bags and food waste bins properly, you and the Council will save money and the environment will benefit.

The Welsh Government has set recycling targets and if we don't meet them we could be fined. This would mean either reduced Council services or increased Council Tax for our residents.

How we collect waste now

We currently provide free clear bags for recycling paper, card, most plastics, cans and cartons. These are collected from your home every week and sent to be recycled.

We provide free kitchen caddies and outdoor bins for cooked and uncooked food waste. This is also collected every week and turned into fuel and fertiliser.

We collect black rubbish bags for other waste every fortnight without any limit on the number of bags.

We do not collect glass at all. Residents are asked to take their glass bottles and jars to skips in car parks (called "glass banks") or to household waste sites.

The following are the options we have considered

We considered changing the way we collect dry recycling by providing three separate bags or boxes and asking residents to sort their recycling at home, instead of putting it all into one bag.

We thought about limiting the number of black bags that each household can put out for collection (to two bags every fortnight) to encourage more people to recycle and use the food waste bins. Special arrangements would be considered for large families.

We considered collecting black bags once every three weeks, without a restriction on numbers of bags, to try to get more people to recycle and use the food waste bins.

We thought about collecting black bags once every three weeks and limiting the number of black bags that each household can put out for collection (to three bags every three weeks) to encourage more people to recycle and use the food waste bins. Special arrangements would be considered for large families.

We considered introducing a collection of glass bottles and jars from your home, to encourage more recycling.

We looked at providing free food waste caddy liners to make the food waste bin cleaner and easier to use and collect.

We considered making separate arrangements for the collection of nappies and similar waste (e.g. incontinence products), if black bags were collected every three weeks.

What are we proposing to do?

Comment by Councillor Ray Quant MBE, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Portfolio Member for Technical and Corporate Services



“Waste management is an important service which we all rely on. When looking at options for the future we have tried to keep the parts of the service that you have previously told us that you like. We’re proposing to make some improvements that you have asked for and we’ve tried to limit the changes that are needed to help us meet targets and avoid fines. Your views are really important to us now so they can be considered as part of the decision making process, so please take part in the survey.”

We want **to go on collecting your recycling every week** in clear bags because we think that this is the easiest way for people to recycle, and you’ve told us that you like this system.

We want **to go on collecting your food waste every week**. We will still provide the caddies and bins for you to use and we will also give residents free liners for the caddies to make it easier and less messy for you to recycle your food waste. You will be required to use these free liners.

We would like **to provide you with a box for glass** bottles and jars and collect this once every three weeks. This is because we understand that not everyone is able to take their glass to the skips provided in car parks or to the household waste sites.

We would only **collect black bags once every three weeks**. This is because most waste can be recycled and should be put in the clear bags or the food waste bin. We hope that collecting rubbish every three weeks will get more people to recycle their waste and this will help the environment, help us to meet Welsh Government targets and save everyone money.

We would **offer a special fortnightly collection of nappies and similar waste** for those people who need it.

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We would like to hear from you before we make any final decision about changes to your waste collection service.

Please tell us what you think by placing a ✓ in the relevant boxes below

Question 1

I would prefer to keep our clear bags for mixed recycling.	
I would prefer to sort my dry recycling into a number of different bags or boxes.	

Question 2

I would prefer to have my glass bottles and jars collected from home every three weeks.	
I would prefer to keep the current facilities for glass bottles and jars i.e. glass banks.	

Question 3

I would prefer to have my black bags collected every three weeks with a restriction of three bags per household.	
I would prefer to have my black bags collected every three weeks without a restriction on the number of bags.	
I would prefer to have my black bags collected every fortnight with a restriction of two bags per household.	

Question 4

If the Council collects black bags every 3 weeks, I would need an additional fortnightly collection for nappies or similar waste	
If the Council collects black bags every 3 weeks, I would prefer not to have an additional collection but instead I would need a container to store my nappies or similar waste for the 3-week period.	
I don't currently have nappies or similar waste for collection.	

Question 5

Please use the space below to make any other comments you have about the proposed changes

Thank you for completing this survey. We value your opinion.

Equality Monitoring Form

In order to monitor the effectiveness of our Equality Policy and practice, and to ensure our services are delivered in a way that is fair to all and free from bias, we would appreciate your co-operation in providing, on an entirely voluntary basis, the information requested below.

The information is confidential and anonymous, and will be used solely for statistical monitoring purposes. It is separated from any correspondence received from you and will be securely destroyed after we have captured the information. There is no way that we will be able to trace your responses back to you as an individual.

1. Age: What is your age group?

Under 16	<input type="checkbox"/>	45 – 64 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 – 24 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	65+	<input type="checkbox"/>
25 – 44 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Gender: What is your gender?

Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Transgender: Is your gender the same now as when assigned at birth?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. Sexual Orientation: If you are 16 years of age or over please tell us which of the following options best describes how you think of yourself:

Heterosexual/Straight	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bisexual	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gay Man	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gay Woman/Lesbian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (state if desired)	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Partnership: Which of the following options describes your partnership status?

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| Single | <input type="checkbox"/> | Widowed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Married | <input type="checkbox"/> | Civil Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Living with Partner | <input type="checkbox"/> | Separated | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Divorced | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prefer not to say | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

6. National identity: How would you describe your national identity?

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| Welsh | <input type="checkbox"/> | British | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| English | <input type="checkbox"/> | Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Scottish | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prefer not to say | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Northern Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please describe) | |
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7. Race: What is your ethnic group? Choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background.

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| White | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gypsy / Traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prefer not to say | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Black/African/Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Please State) | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Mixed | | | |
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8. Language: What is your preferred language?

Welsh Prefer not to say
English Other (including British Sign Language) _____

Can you understand, speak, read or write Welsh?

Understand spoken Welsh Write Welsh
Speak Welsh None of the above
Read Welsh Prefer not to say

9. Disability: Do you have a long term physical or mental health condition or illness that reduces your ability to carry out day to day activities?

Yes No
Prefer not to say

If you answered 'Yes' please indicate which applies to you:

Hearing Impairment Mental Health Issues
Visual Impairment Physical / Mobility Impairment
Speech Impairment Prefer not to say
Learning Difficulties Other (please specify) _____

10. Caring Responsibilities: Do you look after or give help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either:

- Long term physical or mental ill-health/disability; or
- Problems related to old age?

Yes No
Prefer not to say

11. Religion or Belief: What is your religion?

Christian (all denominations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Atheist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hindu	<input type="checkbox"/>	No religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sikh	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for completing this form

Please return your completed response by Friday 22 December 2017 to:

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