

## **Cabinet**

Wednesday, 13 March 2024

### **Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Wednesday, 13 March 2024. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

#### **5 Quarter Three Performance Monitoring Report 2023-24**

##### **Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That Cabinet note the report.

That Cabinet accept the recommendations of the Corporate, Performance and Budget Scrutiny Committee.

##### **Reasons for decision:**

The Council's performance framework sets out the process for reporting progress against the objectives of the Corporate Strategy. Robust monitoring ensures that the Council continues to deliver its priorities and achieves the best outcomes for residents.

##### **Other options considered and rejected:**

No other options were considered as we are required to report this information.

#### **6 Food Waste Collections**

##### **Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That Cabinet agree to

- Introduce statutory weekly food waste collections to all properties across South Ribble by 31 March 2026.
- Proceed to procure non-vented food waste caddies and liners via public sector frameworks and further competition tender exercise.
- Proceed to procure specialised food waste collection vehicles via public sector frameworks and further competition tender exercise.
- Agree the tender evaluation criteria for food waste containers and collection vehicles, based on 80% cost and 20% quality ratio.

- Delegate to the Cabinet Member (Finance, Assets and Public Protection) the authority to approve the award of contracts to the winning bidders.
- Undertake an options modelling exercise to ensure the waste and recycling service is fully reviewed and achieves the councils environmental and fiscal priorities through improvements to collection rounds and frequencies.
- Undertake public consultation exercise on options for waste collection service delivery.
- Present a further report for approval of capital budgets for this project including a decision on the operating model and any improvements to existing service delivery.

### **Reasons for decision:**

The Environment Act 2021 sets into legislation the requirement for waste collection authorities to provide weekly food waste collections to all households by 31 March 2026.

It is anticipated that large numbers of local authorities will implement or extend food waste collection services between 2024 and 2026. There will be a very high demand for new vehicles, containers and liners during this period and so an early decision on key service elements will confirm tender specifications and enable procurements via frameworks without delay.

Although a high value procurement usually requires a weighting of 15% for social value to be evaluated, it is proposed that this is exempted due to the nature of the assets to be procured.

Delegated approval for contract awards is requested to streamline the procurement process.

### **Other options considered and rejected:**

To not introduce separate weekly food waste collections would be in breach of statutory duties imposed by the Environmental Protection Act 1990.