



Glasgow City Council

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Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability

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DOMESTIC GLASS COLLECTION SERVICE UPDATE

Purpose of Report:

To update members on the Domestic Glass Collection Service.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Committee notes the contents of this Report.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City, Policy Committee on 9th October 2018, the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods and Sustainability was requested to submit to a future meeting a report on glass recycling (see undernoted link).

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewDoc.asp?c=P62AFQDN2U81NTT1DN>

- 1.2 This paper provides a background to the kerbside glass and on-street (public site) glass collection service requirements for the service being brought in house.

2. Background

- 2.1 The domestic glass collection service to date has been provided by an external contractor, Viridor. This contract commenced in June 2011, for a period of five years plus two years. This contract was further extended to 31 March 2019.

3. Existing Arrangements

3.1 Current Collection Service

- 3.2 Glasgow City Council provides a kerbside glass collection service to properties that present their bins to the kerbside. Bins are collected on a 4 weekly basis by a contractor. 562 on-street bins are also serviced by the contractor on varying frequencies, depending on how well the bin is used.

- 3.3 Table 1 below highlights the tonnages collected from the kerbside collection service and from the public collection point network over the last 5 years.

Year	Kerbside Glass Bin Tonnage	Public Site Tonnage	Total Tonnage
2013/14	4,128	1,458	5,586
2014/15	5,605	2,007	7,612
2015/16	5,600	2,123	7,723
2016/17	5,798	2,035	7,833
2017/18	5,553	2,053	7,606

Table 1 – Kerbside Glass Bin / Public Site Tonnages

3.4 Current Service Costs

- 3.5 Prior to the current extension periods (June 2018 – March 2019), the annual cost of the service was approximately £350k per annum. For the extension, Viridor advised the council the cost of the service doubled.

4. Future Arrangements

- 4.1 The service was subject to a procurement process, with one compliant tender received from the incumbent contractor to service the kerbside bins and on-street bins.
- 4.2 Following an internal review, comparing external costs of delivery to an in-house service, the decision was made to bring the service in-house and the tender process was terminated.
- 4.3 In bringing the service in-house there will be a review of service delivery. This review will take into consideration the current collection model where kerbside collection and public site service depends on the property type. Also there will be a review of collection frequencies for both kerbside and public sites. The review of glass collections are part of the wider changes to service delivery, through changes to collection frequencies for kerbside properties and the ongoing implementation of the Bin Replacement Programme. Following the review, a further report will be brought back to Committee for consideration.

5. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: Following the review of tender return and ongoing service delivery, there will be ongoing costs to maintain the service.

Legal: There is no legal requirement to provide a domestic glass collection service, however, the Charter for Household Recycling supports the concept of a domestic glass collection service.

Personnel: There are TUPE implications for staff with the incumbent contractor.

Procurement: The current collection contractor also processes the collected glass. There will be procurement implications for the sale of glass after bringing the service back in-house.

Council Strategic Plan: A Sustainable and Low Carbon City (Strategic Plan Priority 64) – the maintenance of the glass collection service will support reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill and increase the amount of material that is recycled. This will contribute to conserving resources and energy and the city having a lower carbon footprint.

Equality Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22

At this stage no equality impacts identified. As part of the review, equality impacts will be considered.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

None identified.

Please highlight if the policy proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.

No negative impacts would be anticipated.

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental:

The Glass collection service will continue to provide opportunities to recycle their glass.

Social (including Article 19 opportunities):

A glass collection service is provided citywide, a kerbside collection system for householders on the managed weekly collection system presenting bins for collection, and public sites for flatted properties.

Economic:

The material collected will be sent for recycling.

Privacy and Data Protection impacts:

No data protection impacts identified.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that Committee notes the contents of this Report.