

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Concurrent Meeting of the Prosperous Communities and Corporate Policy and Resources Committees held in the Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA on 13 February 2025 commencing at 6.30 pm.

Present:

Prosperous Communities Committee Councillor Lesley Rollings (Vice-Chairman) - Concurrent Meeting

Councillor Emma Bailey
Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Trevor Bridgwood
Councillor Frazer Brown
Councillor Stephen Bunney
Councillor Karen Carless
Councillor Jacob Flear
Councillor Paul Lee
Councillor Peter Morris
Councillor Lynda Mullally
Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Trevor Young

Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Councillor Trevor Young (Chairman) – Concurrent Meeting

Councillor Owen Bierley
Councillor Matthew Boles
Councillor Trevor Bridgwood
Councillor Frazer Brown
Councillor Stephen Bunney
Councillor Ian Fleetwood
Councillor Paul Key
Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor Tom Smith
Councillor Mandy Snee
Councillor Paul Swift
Councillor Baptiste Velan

In Attendance:

Nova Roberts Director of Change Management, ICT & Regulatory Services
Elaine Bilton Waste Policy & Commercial Waste Lead Officer
Ele Snow Senior Democratic and Civic Officer

Apologies: Councillor Jeanette McGhee

Membership: **Prosperous Communities Committee**
Councillor Trevor Bridgwood was appointed substitute for Councillor Jeanette McGhee

1 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 PROCEDURE

The adopted procedure by which the Concurrent Meeting would be held was **NOTED**.

3 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Note: The meeting entered closed session at 6.33pm

4 COMMERCIAL FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS

Members heard from the Director of Change Management, ICT & Regulatory Services who explained that the Environmental Act 2021 required all non-household premises in England, excluding micro-firms (businesses with fewer than 10 full-time equivalent employees), to comply with the separation and presentation of food waste, diverting it from general waste streams by 31 March 2025. The report looked at the options for the Council to respond to the mandatory commercial collections offering, which commenced a year earlier than the household food waste collections. It was explained that for the period of one year (2025/2026) the preferred option was to offer a standalone service to commercial customers, as detailed in Option 1, Scenario 3 within the report. From the following year (2026/2027 onwards) the household food waste collections would begin, with the commercial collections being co-mingled with the household collections.

Members of both Committees expressed their support for the provision of a commercial food waste collection service. The drawbacks of other options were discussed, with Members being in agreement that the presented preferred option was sensible and achievable.

Having been proposed and seconded, the Prosperous Communities Committee's recommendation was put to the vote.

In accordance with the concurrent procedure, following an alphabetical roll call, with a total of 13 votes cast in favour, and with no votes against or abstentions it was

RESOLVED that option 1, scenario 3, for the implementation of a commercial food waste collection service, from April 2025, to then be co-mingled with household collections from April 2026, be **recommended** to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

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The Corporate Policy and Resources Committee confirmed they were content to move straight to the vote on their respective recommendation.

Again, in accordance with the concurrent procedure, following an alphabetical roll call, with a total of 14 votes cast in favour, and with no votes against or abstentions it was

RESOLVED that the recommendation from the Prosperous Communities Committee to implement option 1, scenario 3, for the provision of a commercial food waste collection service, from April 2025, to then be co-mingled with household collections from April 2026, be approved.

The meeting concluded at 6.42 pm.

Chairman