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Date: Friday, 12 September 2025

To: Members of the Council

Sarah Shenberg

Please attend a meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 22 September 2025, at 2.00 pm in Council Chamber, District Council Offices, Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield S42 6NG.

The meeting will be live streamed from The Council's YouTube Channel.

Yours sincerely

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any items on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting (Pages 7 - 14)

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the attached Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 July 2025.

4 Chair of the Council's Announcements

5 Leader of the Council's Announcements

6 Public Participation

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 8 to allow members of the public to ask questions about the Council's activities for a period up to fifteen minutes. The replies to any such questions will be given by the appropriate Cabinet Member. Questions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon twelve clear working days before the meeting.

No questions have been submitted under Procedure Rule No 8 for this meeting.

7 Simpler Recycling (Pages 15 - 32)

Report of the Head of Paid Service.

8 To answer any questions from Members asked under Procedure Rule No 9.2

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 9.2 to allow Members to ask questions about Council activities. The replies to any such questions will be given by the Chair of the Council or relevant Committee or the appropriate Cabinet Member. Questions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon twelve clear working days before the meeting.

The following question has been received.

<u>Question A – Proposed by Councillor A Dale to Councillor S Pickering,</u> Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place

Will the Cabinet Member give serious consideration to the 'Option 2' approach set out in the Local Plan Issues and Options consultation, which would plan for fewer homes (330dpa) than the Government's standard method requires, given the significant concern expressed by residents that building nearly 600 homes per

year is totally unsustainable for a largely rural district such as ours and that a lower figure, more closely aligned with local needs and infrastructure capacity, should instead be pursued?

9 <u>To consider any Motions from Members under Procedure Rule No 10</u>

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 10 to consider Motions on notice from Members. Motions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon twelve clear working days before the meeting.

The following Motions have been submitted.

Motion A – Submitted by Councillor S Fawcett

Rosh Hashanah

Council notes that **Rosh Hashanah** begins **today** at sundown, marking the Jewish New Year—a time of reflection, renewal, and hope. We wish all Jewish residents **Shanah Tovah U'Metukah**—a good and sweet New Year.

Although only **around 100 residents** in North East Derbyshire identify as Jewish, they are a valued part of our community. Council reaffirms its commitment to ensuring this district is a safe and welcoming place for all.

Council recognises that antisemitism is rising sharply. The **Community Security Trust (CST)** recorded **4,103 antisemitic incidents in 2023**, the highest annual total on record, with further escalation this year. Incidents have been reported locally, including antisemitic graffiti and intimidation in Chesterfield, proving this hatred is not confined to large cities.

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism, adopted by this Council, states that antisemitism can include anti-Zionist rhetoric that denies Jewish people the right to self-determination. Legitimate criticism of any government is welcome, but language that delegitimises Israel or Jewish identity fuels antisemitism.

Through its role in the **Community Safety Partnership (CSP)**, covering a county with over **1,000 Jewish residents**, this Council is well placed to embed antisemitism awareness into safety and cohesion strategies.

Council resolves to:

- 1. **Publicly reaffirm**, through this motion, warm wishes for a sweet New Year to Jewish residents and communities in Derbyshire.
- 2. **Reaffirm** adoption of the IHRA definition of antisemitism and **endorse its use** as a framework for recognising and addressing prejudice.
- 3. Request the CSP to embed antisemitism awareness in policing and safety strategies, with regular monitoring and review by the Communities Scrutiny Committee.
- 4. Reject antisemitism in all its forms and work with the Jewish community and CST to prevent and respond to incidents.

Motion B – Submitted by Councillor R Shipman

This Council notes with concern the BBC report of 29 August 2025, which revealed that the Government has not undertaken any financial impact assessment of its proposals for local government reorganisation. Instead, Ministers are relying solely on an externally commissioned report prepared for the County Councils Network.

Council believes that proceeding with major structural changes to local government without an independent, government-led cost-benefit analysis is both irresponsible and contrary to the principles of transparency, accountability and prudent financial management. The absence of robust evidence risks significant cost to taxpayers, disruption to services, and undermines public confidence.

While North East Derbyshire District Council is committed to constructive engagement on the future of local government, any proposals must be:

- Based on clear, independently verified evidence;
- Demonstrably cost-effective; and
- Designed to preserve and strengthen local democratic accountability.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Oppose the Government's current proposals for reorganisation until a full, independent financial impact assessment has been commissioned and published.
- 2. Call on the Secretary of State to delay any further decisions or implementation until such an assessment is completed and subject to proper public and parliamentary scrutiny.
- 3. Affirm this Council's willingness to work constructively with partners on any evidence-based reforms which genuinely improve efficiency and protect local democracy.
- 4. Write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and to copy local MPs, the County Councils Network and the District Councils Network, to convey this Council's position.

Motion C - Submitted by Councillor D Hancock

Council notes with concern the recent decision to prohibit fishing at Wingerworth Lido. The Lido is a long-standing community asset, valued for recreation, wellbeing and heritage. For generations, fishing has been an important activity enjoyed by residents of all ages.

Council recognises that decisions affecting such amenities must be taken in a transparent manner, with clear evidence and proper consultation. In this case, many residents feel that the reasoning behind the decision to stop fishing has not been adequately explained or tested in public. This lack of openness risks undermining trust between the Council and the communities it serves.

Council further notes:

The health and wellbeing benefits associated with angling and outdoor

- activity.
- The cultural and historic importance of the Lido to Wingerworth residents.
- The expectation from residents that significant changes to local amenities should involve meaningful consultation before final decisions are taken.

Council therefore resolves to:

- 1. Review the decision to prohibit fishing at Wingerworth Lido, ensuring that the process is transparent, evidence-based, and includes consideration of environmental, maintenance and safety concerns.
- 2. Undertake a public consultation with residents and local stakeholders on the future use and management of the Lido, including the question of fishing, so that community voices are central to shaping its future.
- 3. Report back to Council with recommendations that balance environmental stewardship, community wellbeing, and the wishes of residents, ensuring that the outcome is transparent and clearly communicated.

By adopting this approach, the Council can rebuild confidence, ensure fairness in its decision-making, and protect the Lido as a much-loved part of Wingerworth's community life.

10 Chair's Urgent Business

To consider any other matter which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

11 Exclusion of Public

The Chair to move:-

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item(s) of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

12 <u>Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board - Revised Terms of Reference and Hosting</u> (Pages 33 - 79)

Report of the Managing Director and Head of Paid Service

Access for All statement

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COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 14 JULY 2025

Present:

Councillor Graham Baxter MBE (Vice Chair in the Chair)

Councillor Frank Adlington-Stringer Councillor Neil Baker Councillor Nigel Barker Councillor Jayne Barry Councillor Richard Beech Councillor Joseph Birkin Councillor Andrew Cooper Councillor Stephen Clough Councillor Suzy Cornwell Councillor Charlotte Cupit Councillor Alex Dale Councillor Lilian Deighton Councillor Michael Durrant Councillor Peter Elliott Councillor Michelle Emmens Councillor Stuart Fawcett Councillor Mark Foster Councillor Christine Gare Councillor Kevin Gillott Councillor David Hancock Councillor Daniel Higgon Councillor Pam Jones Councillor William Jones Councillor Pat Kerry Councillor Carol Lacey Councillor Tony Lacey Councillor Heather Liggett Councillor Fran Petersen Councillor Stephen Pickering Councillor Stephen Reed Councillor Michael Roe Councillor Kathy Rouse Councillor Ross Shipman Councillor Derrick Skinner Councillor Caroline Smith Councillor Christine Smith Councillor Mick Smith Councillor Richard Spooner Councillor Kevin Tait Councillor Lee Stone Councillor Richard Welton Councillor Pam Windley

Also Present:

L Hickin Managing Director - Head of Paid Service

M Broughton Director of Growth and Assets

J Dethick Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer)
S Sternberg Assistant Director of Governance (Monitoring Officer)

D Thompson Assistant Director of Planning

A Smith Legal Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer

A Bryan Governance Manager

M E Derbyshire Members ICT & Training Officer

COU Apologies for Absence

/27/2

5-26 Apologies for absence had been received by Councillors P Antcliff, D Cheetham, K Clegg, L Hartshorne, N Morley, C Renwick, J Stokes, M E Thacker MBE and H Wetherall.

COU Declarations of Interest

/28/2

5-26 Councillor S Reed declared an non-pecuniary interest in Item 12 – Motion A, as the Cabinet Member for Business Services at Derbyshire County Council. He indicated that he would not participate in the vote on that item.

COU Minutes of Last Meeting

/29/2

5-26 RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council and Annual Council meetings held on 19 May 2025 be approved as true and correct records.

COU Chair of the Council's Announcements

/30/2

5-26 The Vice Chair of the Council, Councillor G Baxter MBE, congratulated Councillor P Kerry on his 85th birthday.

COU Leader of the Council's Announcements

/31/2

5-26 The Leader of the Council, Councillor N Barker, reported that he had been involved in the opening ceremony of Clay Cross Active and commended everyone involved for their hard work in creating the facility.

The Leader of the Council shared that he had attended the LGA conference and several events concerning Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). In terms of LGR, Councillor N Barker delivered an update on the work that had taken place since the last meeting on the proposal that would be submitted in November 2025.

COU Public Participation

/32/2

5-26 No questions from the public had been received.

COU The Increase in Capacity for Cabinet and LGR

/33/2 5-26

Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council, introduced a report which advised the Council of the decision he had taken to increase the size of Cabinet by one. The report explained that the decision had been made in order to add additional capacity to meet the existing and potential growing demand brought about by Local Government Reorganisation. The new portfolio covering Local Government Reorganisation would be held by Councillor K Gillott.

Councillor C Cupit raised some concerns around the additional cost to the Council, ambiguity around the remit of the role and potential conflicts of interests. Councillor M Foster agreed with the concerns. Councillor N Barker reiterated the need for the role.

RESOLVED that the decision be noted.

COU Council Plan Annual Performance Report 2024/25

/34/2

5-26 Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council, introduced a report which gave an overview of the progress on the objectives underpinning the Council Plan (2023-2027) for 2024/25. Councillor N Barker highlighted particular achievements that underpinned the objectives A Great Place to Live Well, A Great Place to Work, A Great Place to Access Good Public Services and A Great Place that Cares for the Environment.

Councillor N Baker welcomed the report and raised questions around how individuals racing along village streets should be reported and how to protect against similar incidents. Councillor A Dale and Councillor M Foster raised similar points in relation to anti-social behaviour. The concerns were noted, and it was agreed that information would be provided to Members. Councillor N Barker drew attention to the hard work of the Community Safety team in tackling anti-social behaviour in the District. Councillor M Durrant highlighted the advice of the Police and Crime Commissioner, that had been given at Communities Scrutiny Committee, in regard to reporting dangerous vehicles.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

COU Scrutiny Committees Annual Report 2024/25

/35/2 5-26

Councillor M Durrant, Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Committee, introduced a report which provided Members of the Council with an annual overview of the work programme of the Scrutiny Committees during 2024/25. Councillor M Durrant shared particular examples that highlighted what the four scrutiny committees had achieved over the previous year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

COU Standards Committee Annual Report 2024/25

/36/2

5-26 Councillor K Gillott, Chair of the Standards Committee, introduced a report which provided Council with an annual overview of the work of the Standards Committee during 2024/25.

Councillor K Gillott reiterated his commitment to the role of Chair of Standards Committee and indicated that if any conflicts of interest arose from his new position on the Cabinet, he would act accordingly.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

COU <u>To answer any questions from Members asked under Procedure Rule No 9.2</u> /37/2

5-26 The Chair confirmed that four questions had been received.

Question A – Proposed by Councillor S Clough to Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council

Noting their critical importance towards a local say in planning, will the Leader of the Council write to the relevant Secretary of State to ask them to reconsider their recent announcement, withdrawing support for Neighbourhood Plans?

Councillor N Barker responded that he would not be writing to the secretary of state.

Councillor S Clough asked if the District Council would support Parish Councils conducting Neighbourhood Plan reviews and whether there would be a cost attached.

Councillor N Barker confirmed that the District Council would continue to support Parish Councils in conducting Neighbourhood Plan reviews and there would be a cost attached that would be attributed to the Parish Council.

Question B – Proposed by Councillor C Renwick to Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place

Councillor C Renwick was not present at the meeting, so the question was not asked.

Question C – Proposed by Councillor N Baker to Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place

Given the long period which has now elapsed since Covid restrictions were lifted, is it not now time that Planning Committee site visits are carried out in person, instead of continuing them virtually, in order the allow Committee Members to acquaint themselves, more fully, with the nuances and details of each site they are being asked to consider?

Councillor S Pickering stated the Planning Committee Members had received an email asking for their opinion on moving to physical site visits and officers were waiting for feedback. The next step was to look at how to proceed in the most effective way.

Councillor N Baker asked whether comments from members of the public regarding physical site visits had been taken into account.

Councillor S Pickering confirmed that they had.

Question D – Proposed by Councillor C Cupit to Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place

Many residents have contacted me to express concern that the current local plan consultation online response form is extremely complicated and technical in nature. How does the Council therefore intend for ordinary residents to be able to respond in a meaningful way particularly where concerns they only centre around one or two aspects or sites?

Councillor S Pickering responded that the consultation would be difficult to simplify and highlighted the benefit of allowing consultees to go into significant detail. It was also shared that the consultation had been devised in partnership with a recognised provider. Councillor S Pickering highlighted that provisions for those that don't use online forms remained available.

Councillor C Cupit asked whether the Council could consider its communications regarding the alternative methods of contributing to the consultation.

Councillor S Pickering confirmed that the issue would be looked at by the relevant teams.

Motion A – Submitted by Councillor N Baker

Council notes the results of the recent consultation regarding the proposal for highway alterations and the installation of new signals at the A61-Mill Lane junction in Wingerworth.

Council notes that the proposed scheme is sponsored by this Council, following the receipt of grant funding by the regional Mayor to unlock more new homes and a new depot on The Avenue regeneration site.

Council also notes the many views that have been expressed towards these proposals during that consultation by local residents and stakeholders, particularly raising concerns in relation to road safety, turning right at the Nottingham Drive junction and traffic flow on the A61 in that vicinity.

Council therefore resolves to respect and fully publish the results of the consultation and commits to not pushing ahead with the scheme until those concerns have been properly addressed.

Council also resolves to undertake any further design work on the proposals, which the consultation responses have highlighted are necessary, and then to reconsult residents and other stakeholders on any revisions to the proposed scheme, in that area, before any work begins and undertakes to ensure that the final design of the scheme fully reflects local concerns for highway safety, suitability and usability and is not just based on cost savings and maximising housing number delivery.

Councillor N Baker moved the Motion.

Councillor A Dale seconded the Motion and reserved the right to speak.

Councillors R Shipman and D Hancock spoke in favour of the Motion.

Councillors J Barry, N Barker and K Gillott spoke against the Motion, and raised that the proposal was sponsored by Derbyshire County Council. Councillor K Gillott suggested that Councillor N Baker's points should be passed on to the County Council.

Councillor A Dale spoke in favour of the Motion and highlighted that this was a priority scheme for the District.

Councillor N Baker responded that the experiences he had at the public consultation suggested that people did not support the proposal, as such the basic principles of the Motion to support the views of the public should stand.

The Motion was put to the vote and lost.

Motion B – Submitted by Councillor A Dale

This Council believes that fly-tipping is a blight on our district. It is unsightly,

damages our beautiful countryside and rural landscape, and places an unfair financial burden on local taxpayers who must ultimately foot the bill for its clean-up.

Council reaffirms its commitment to a zero-tolerance approach to fly-tipping and believes that a strong deterrent strategy is required. This must include:-

- High profile prosecutions to demonstrate consequences;
- The use of powers to seize and, where appropriate, destroy vehicles used in fly-tipping offences;
- Continued and increased use of CCTV cameras in known hotspot areas;
 and
- The application of significant financial penalties to offenders.

Council therefore welcomes the recent purchase of additional CCTV cameras made possible through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), as well as the successful prosecution relating to a fly-tipping incident in Marsh Lane, which serves as an important example of enforcement in action. Council is also extremely grateful for the ongoing work of our Environmental Health and Streetscene teams in seeking to prosecute flytippers and keep our District clean and tidy.

To go further and strengthen the deterrent, Council resolves to:-

- 1. Increase fly-tipping fixed penalties to the latest national maximum as set out in the most recent Government regulations;
- 2. Review the use of mobile CCTV units to ensure rapid deployment in response to community reports and intelligence;
- Explore the introduction of public-facing "Caught on Camera" communications, where legally permissible, to raise awareness and encourage reporting;
- 4. Refer this issue to the relevant Scrutiny Committee to consider the above as well as working with partners and wider stakeholders (including the Po0lice, Environmental Agency, local landowners, Parish Councils and community groups) to explore what more we can do together to tackle this scourge on our countryside.

Council believes that these additional steps will help send a clear message: fly-tipping will not be tolerated in North East Derbyshire.

Councillor A Dale moved the Motion, thanked the Streetscene and Environmental Health teams, and spoke about the need to back them up with strong policy.

Councillor C Cupit seconded the Motion and spoke to the positive impacts it would have on the District's residents.

Councillors S Pickering, R Shipman and K Gillott spoke to the Motion.

Councillor K Gillott proposed, and Councillor N Barker seconded the following

amendment:

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Council resolves to invite the relevant scrutiny committee to examine additional measures that may help in deterring fly-tipping including:-

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- 2. Reviewing the use of mobile CCTV units to ensure rapid deployment in response to community reports and intelligence;
- 3. Exploring the introduction of public-facing "Caught on Camera" communications, where legally permissible, to raise awareness and encourage reporting;
- 4. Improved partnership working with stakeholders (including the Police, Environmental Agency, local landowners, Parish Councils and community groups) to explore what more we can do together to tackle this scourge on our countryside.
- 5. Examining if/how the council can use its powers to confiscate vehicles used to commit fly-tipping.

And to report its conclusions and recommendations to Cabinet.

Councillor A Dale accepted the amendment and asked that the review come back to Council once it had been through the scrutiny process.

The Motion was put to a vote and passed.

RESOLVED -

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And to report its conclusions and recommendations to Cabinet.

COU Chair's Urgent Business

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There was no urgent business.

North East Derbyshire District Council

Council

22nd September 2025

SIMPLER RECYCLING - INCREASED STAFFING ELEMENT

Report of the Head of Paid Service

<u>Classification:</u> This report is public

Report By: Lee Hickin – Managing Director and Head of Paid Service

<u>Contact Officer:</u> Lee Hickin – Managing Director and Head of Paid Service

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To seek approval of Council to recruit and establish 19 FTE operatives for food waste service operation.

DECISION ROUTE AND REASON FOR DECISION BEING BROUGHT TO COUNCIL

The Head of Paid Service has delegated authority to determine all staffing matters but given the significance and scale, then the matter has been referred to Council.

All other aspects of Simpler Recycling have been decided by Cabinet. This does not allow a reconsideration of the Cabinet decision and questions relating to the Cabinet decision should be raised in advance of the Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

- 1. Note the detail and background contained within the Cabinet paper at Appendix 1.
- 2. Note the decisions made by Cabinet on 11th September 2025 relating to the above.
- 3. Approve the recruitment and establishment of 19 FTE operatives for implementation of the food waste service operation.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder – Cllr S Pickering, Portfolio holder for Environment and Place

IMPLICATIONS No □ Finance and Risk: Yes⊠ **Details:** There are no financial implications arising from this report. The Simpler Recycling is addressed in the appended Cabinet report. On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer No □ Legal (including Data Protection): Yes⊠ **Details:** As stated in the original report to Cabinet, the Environment Act became law in 2021 which determines new waste collection methodology throughout the Nation and the timeframe for implementation. The establishment changes needed for implementation are the responsibility of Council under the legislation. Cabinet cannot make any changes to the Council's establishment as they have no power to do so under the legislation. Council has delegated this to the Head of Paid Service who has referred the decision to Council. On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes⊠ No □

Details:

In order to ensure the successful introduction of Simpler Recycling, it is necessary to recruit and establish 19 FTE operatives for the food waste service operation.

The Head of Paid Service is responsible for and has delegated authority to determine all staffing matters relating to structure including additions, reductions, post title changes and other changes to the establishment amongst other things. Where the decision will incur additional expenditure which cannot be met by approved budgets, then the matter will be determined together with the S151 officer exercising their delegation provided the cost is less than £15,000. Any budget increase above this level must be referred to Council.

In this case, the budget increase is met through additional funding generated through the legislative changes set out in the report. However, the Head of Paid Service considers that since the proposal and 'shift' in Govt. policy is of such significance and scale, then it feels appropriate to bring this particular aspect of the 'Simpler Recycling' implementation programme before Council for approval.

DECISION INFORMATION

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:	No
NEDDC:	
Revenue - £125,000 ⊠ Capital - £310,000 □	
☑ Please indicate which threshold applies	
Is the decision subject to Call-In?	No
(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	
District Wards Significantly Affected	All
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2	Not required – the Recruitment and Selection Policy has already been subject to an EIA
 Stage 2 full assessment undertaken Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report 	No, not applicable
Consultation:	Yes
Leader / Deputy Leader ⊠ Cabinet ⊠ SMT ⊠ Relevant Service Manager ⊠ Members □ Public □ Other □	Details:

Links to Council Plan priorities;

- A great place that cares for the environment
- A great place to live well
- A great place to work
- A great place to access good public services

A great place that cares for the environment and a great place to access good public services

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background

- 1.1 The background, comprehensive and wider detail of the Simpler Recycling Scheme can be found in the Cabinet report at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The report provides a comprehensive overview of the operational requirements necessary to implement a weekly food waste collection service across the North East Derbyshire District Council (NEDDC) area. As outlined in the appendix, the introduction of this new service—mandated by recent changes in national waste management policy—necessitates the recruitment of an additional nineteen (19) staff members. These roles are critical to ensuring the successful rollout and ongoing delivery of the food waste service, which aims to improve environmental outcomes, reduce landfill dependency, and align with broader sustainability targets.
- 1.3 Having received the report, on 11th September 2025, Cabinet:
 - Noted the statutory changes to waste collection including Simpler Recycling, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)
 - Noted the Head of Paid Service recommendation to seek approval from full Council to recruit and establish 19 FTE operatives for implementation of the food waste service operation.
 - Approved the recommended option for Simpler Recycling as outlined in the report.

2. Proposal and Details

- 2.1 The report at Appendix 1 detailed the requirement for an additional 19 staff to provide a weekly food waste service to the residents of NEDDC.
- 2.2 Under the Council's Constitution and Governance Framework, the Head of Paid Service holds delegated authority to oversee and make determinations on all staffing-related matters. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - The creation of new posts within the organisational structure
 - The deletion or reduction of existing roles
 - Amendments to job titles and role descriptions
 - Reconfigurations of departmental structures
 - Any other modifications to the Council's staffing establishment
- 2.3 This delegation enables the Head of Paid Service to respond flexibly and efficiently to operational needs and strategic priorities. However, where any staffing decision results in additional financial expenditure that exceeds the limits of the approved budget, the Head of Paid Service must act in conjunction with the Council's Section 151 Officer (S151 Officer), who is responsible for financial governance and statutory financial oversight.

- 2.4 In such cases, if the additional cost arising from the staffing decision is less than £15,000, the Head of Paid Service and the S151 Officer may jointly approve the expenditure under their respective delegated powers. Conversely, if the financial impact exceeds £15,000 and cannot be met from within existing budgetary provisions, the matter must be escalated to full Council for formal consideration and approval. This ensures transparency, fiscal accountability, and democratic oversight of significant financial commitments.
- 2.5 In the specific instance addressed by the report, the financial implications associated with the recruitment of the additional 19 staff members are covered by funding linked to recent legislative changes. These changes form part of the national government's 'Simpler Recycling' initiative, which seeks to standardise waste collection practices across local authorities and improve recycling rates.
- 2.6 Although the associated budgetary increase does not exceed the threshold requiring automatic referral to Council, the Head of Paid Service has exercised discretion in choosing to present this matter to Council for approval. This decision reflects the substantial scale and strategic importance of the proposed changes, as well as the long-term implications for service delivery, resource allocation, and public engagement.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 Given the transformative nature of the 'Simpler Recycling' programme and its potential to reshape waste management practices within the district, the Head of Paid Service believes it is both prudent and appropriate to seek Council endorsement. This approach ensures that elected members are fully informed and have the opportunity to deliberate on the staffing aspect of the programme, thereby reinforcing the principles of good governance.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 The Environment Act specifically determines how waste in England must be collected as outlined in the attached Cabinet report. A weekly food waste collection is a statutory requirement.
- 4.2 To achieve this from within existing service establishment is not an option, there simply isn't the flexibility or capacity. The only alternative option to recruiting and establishing 19 FTE posts would be to outsource this aspect of the service to an external waste management company. This has been rejected for a number of reasons including: likelihood of increased cost of provision, loss of direct control of service quality and responsiveness, and risk of reduced accountability.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Simpler Recycling Cabinet Report 11 th September 2025
•	apers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below.

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

11 September 2025

Simpler Recycling

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place – Cllr S Pickering

Classification:	This report is public
Report By:	Joy Redfern – Assistant Director Streetscene
Contact Officer:	Joy Redfern
PURPOSE / SUM	MARY
To inform and dete	ermine the approved option for introducing Simpler Recycling

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Note the statutory changes to waste collection including Simpler Recycling, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)
- 2. Approve recommended option for Simpler Recycling as outlined in the report.
 - a) Production of TEEP (Technical, Economic, Environmental and Practical) Assessment.
 - b) Note Head of Paid Service recommendation to seek approval from full Council to recruit and establish 19 FTE for food waste service operation.
 - c) Provide first roll of compostable caddy liners to residents to encourage behaviour change.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder – Cllr S Pickering, Portfolio holder for Environment and Place

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IMPLICATIONS			
Finance and Risk:	Yes⊠	No □	
Details:			

The financial implications of delivering the requirements of Simpler Recycling are shown in the table below:

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The additional funding received from the Government from Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) fees and grant funding is forecast to be sufficient to cover the additional costs of delivery therefore no additional resources are required.

The grant funding was expected initially to be in the form of New Burdens grant, but it is now understood that this is being built into the annual funding settlement figures. Actual data won't be available until the funding settlement figures are announced, usually in December but modelling estimates this will be in the region of £200k per annum. This will be reviewed when the settlement data is received, and any changes will form part of the annual budget setting process.

	On Benait of the Section 151 Office			
Legal (including Data Protection):	Yes⊠	No □		
Details:				

As stated in the report the Environment Act became law in 2021 which determines new waste collection methodology throughout the Nation and the timeframe for implementation.

The establishment changes needed for implementation are the responsibility of Council under the legislation. Cabinet cannot make any changes to the Council's establishment as they have no power to do so under the legislation.

Council has delegated this to the Head of Paid Service.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes⊠ No □ Details:

In order to ensure the successful introduction of Simpler Recycling, it is necessary to recruit and establish 19 FTE operatives for the food waste service operation.

The Head of Paid Service is responsible for and has delegated authority to determine all staffing matters relating to structure including additions, reductions,

post title changes and other changes to the establishment amongst other things. Where the decision will incur additional expenditure which cannot be met by approved budgets, then the matter will be determined together with the S151 officer exercising their delegation provided the cost is less than £15,000. Any budget increase above this level must be referred to Council.

In this case, the budget increase is met through the legislative changes set out in the report. However, the Head of Paid Service considers that since the proposal and 'shift' in Government policy is of such significance and scale, then it feels appropriate to bring this particular aspect of the 'Simpler Recycling' implementation programme before Council for approval.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
Is the decision a Key Decision?	Yes
A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:	
NEDDC:	
Revenue - £125,000 ⊠ Capital - £310,000 □	
☑ Please indicate which threshold applies	
Is the decision subject to Call-In?	Yes
(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	
District Wards Significantly Affected	All

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
Stage 1 screening undertaken Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2	Yes, appended.
 Stage 2 full assessment undertaken Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report 	No, not applicable

Consultation:	Yes
Leader / Deputy Leader ⊠ Cabinet □	Details:
SMT ⊠ Relevant Service Manager ⊠	
Members □ Public □ Other □	

Links to Council Plan priorities;

- A great place that cares for the environment
- A great place to live well
- A great place to work
- A great place to access good public services

A great place that cares for the environment and a great place to access good public services

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to:
 - Inform members of the statutory changes to waste collection including Simpler Recycling, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Deposit Return Scheme (DRS).
 - Agree to collection methodology as outlined in the report and demonstrate exemptions based on a Technical, Economic, Environmental and Practical (TEEP) assessment.
 - Note the recommendation by Head of Paid Service, to seek approval from full Council, to recruit and increase the establishment within Streetscene of 19 staff to undertake weekly food waste collection service.
- 1.2 Local Authorities have a duty to collect and dispose of household waste further to Section 45 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- 1.3 The Environment Act 2021 (the Act) was enacted into UK Law in November 2021. This made a number of changes to the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and mandates that all Local Authorities in England must collect a specified list of materials for recycling, including glass, metal, plastic, paper and card, food waste and garden waste. The Environment Act 2021 seeks to reform the recycling system across England to make recycling simpler and consistent across the country ('Simpler Recycling') by mandating the collection of certain materials. Each local authority is empowered to make decisions on how the requirements of the Act are implemented.
- 1.4 Simpler Recycling constitutes a significant step towards meeting the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan commitment to eliminate avoidable waste by 2050 and will help towards meeting our recycling ambition of 65% of municipal (household-like) waste to be recycled by 2035.

- 1.5 The new default requirement for premises in scope of Simpler Recycling includes containers for:
 - Residual (non-recyclable) waste
 - Food (mixed with garden waste for households if appropriate)
 - Paper and card
 - All other dry recyclable materials (plastic, metal and glass)
- 1.6 These may be various container types, including bags, bins or stackable boxes. Requiring separate collection of paper and card from other recyclable materials, where practicable, will lead to improved material quality, supporting their circularity and reducing our need for new virgin materials or imports.
- 1.7 DEFRA recognise that there are various technical, economic and environmental circumstances in which separate collection is not practical. In such cases, Local Authorities retain flexibility to co-collect paper and card with other dry recyclable materials (Comingle) but must produce a written assessment to record this justification. This written assessment is called a TEEP Assessment.
- 1.8 The diagram below explains the rationale behind 'Simpler recycling' promoting the circular use of resources that can be consistently collected and reprocessed. It is hoped that this will reduce resident confusion and help grow the UK recycling industry, ensuring more recycled material in products.



- 1.9 All local authorities in England must collect the same recyclable waste streams for recycling or composting from households. The recyclable waste streams include paper and card, plastic, glass, metal, food waste, and garden waste.
- 1.10 All non-household municipal premises in England (such as businesses, schools and hospitals) must make arrangements to have the same set of recyclable waste streams (with the exception of garden waste) collected for recycling or composting and must present their waste in accordance with the arrangements.
- 1.11 The Head of Simpler Recycling at DEFRA confirmed in December 2024 that there were 3 funding mechanisms for simpler recycling:
 - Payments from packaging producers under Extended Producer Responsibly (EPR).
 - New burdens funding to cover food waste collections.
 - Retaining the ability to charge households for garden waste collections
- 1.12 The implementation timelines for Simpler Recycling are:
 - By 31 March 2025, businesses and relevant non-domestic premises in England will be required to make arrangements for the collection of the core recyclable waste streams, with the exception of garden waste (glass; metal; plastic; paper and card and food waste)
 - Micro-firms (businesses with fewer than ten full-time equivalent employees) will be temporarily exempt from this requirement and will have until 31 March 2027 to arrange for recycling of these core recyclable waste streams
 - By 31 March 2026, local authorities will be required to collect the core recyclable waste streams from all households in England. This includes introducing weekly food waste collections for most homes, unless a transitional arrangement applies.
 - Kerbside plastic film collections from businesses and relevant nondomestic premises, and households will be introduced from 31 March 2027
- 1.13 To date the implementation of the first phase of simpler recycling to businesses has gone well with 73 customers taking up the food waste service. A TEEP assessment has been undertaken to demonstrate that dry recycling commingled collections for trade waste customers is the most economical option. In is anticipated that, a similar outcome will be evidenced in a more detailed TEEP for domestic waste collections.

1.14 Summary of implementation dates



Simpler Recycling for non-household premises (such as businesses, schools and hospitals) in England will be implemented by 31 March 2025



Simpler Recycling for households in England will be in place for most by 31 March 2026*

*(Where specific local authority contracts apply, we have agreed that weekly household food waste collections may start by a later date known as a transitional arrangement)



Plastic films

Plastic film and flexibles collections from all premises will be introduced by 31 March 2027

1.15 Deposit Return scheme (DRS)

- 1.16 The Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) in England is a government initiative aimed at reducing litter and increasing recycling of single-use drinks containers. The scheme will start on 1 October 2027 in England and Northern Ireland. Consumers will pay a refundable deposit when purchasing drinks in single-use containers.
- 1.17 The deposit can be reclaimed by returning the empty container to a designated return point (e.g., supermarkets or reverse vending machines). No receipt is required to return containers. Containers included in the scheme made wholly or mainly from:
 - Aluminium
 - Steel
 - PET plastic (commonly used for soft drinks and water bottles)
- 1.18 Size range: 150ml to 3 litres this Includes alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.
 - Producers, importers, wholesalers, and retailers must:
 - Charge the deposit
 - Only sell containers registered with the scheme
 - Ensure proper labelling
- 1.19 The Implications of DRS will be reflected in the amount of material that will no longer be collected by the Council. Existing materials processing contracts are based on the amount of revenue that can be achieved by reselling the material. This is then offset by the contractor in the processing costs.
- 1.20 This is also coupled with the current materials reprocessing contract ending in June 2027, this is before DRS is introduced. Therefore, both NEDDC and any future supplier will be estimating the impacts of DRS.

1.21 Householders may also decide that returning bottles back to the supermarket is inconvenient which would equate for some materials still requiring to be collected by the dry recycling teams.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

- 1.22 The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme in the UK is a major reform to how packaging waste is managed. It shifts the financial responsibility for packaging waste from taxpayers to the producers who place packaging on the market.
- 1.23 EPR requires producers of packaging to:
 - Pay the full net cost of collecting, sorting, treating, and recycling packaging waste.
 - Report detailed data on the packaging they place on the UK market.
 - Register with the Regulated Producer Database (RPD) and submit data through it.
- 1.24 Producers must pay modulated fees based on the recyclability and environmental impact of their packaging rather than costs being borne by local councils.
- 1.25 All funding will be based on modelled costs rather than a process of reimbursing Local Authorities for actual expenditure. It is also an uncertain funding mechanism the Local Authority Packaging Cost and Performance (LAPCAP) model is not shared with LA's due to information being commercially sensitive. There continues to be inaccurate information relating to NEDDC and other Derbyshire authorities. NEDDC are working with DEFRA via their newly created administrative company, PackUK, to understand and question the data used.
- 1.26 Under the new legislation there is a requirement for Local Authorities to demonstrate an "Effective and Efficient" collection system. PackUK is able to withhold 20% of the EPR settlement if collection systems are not up to standard. The specific requirements relating to this standard are still being clarified.
- 1.27 In preparation for these major changes to waste collection services, the Streetscene service is investigating options to digitise the service and enhance the customer experience. It will also be necessary to record/evidence all efforts to reduce contamination at source with householders.
- 1.28 Eventually, it is likely that recycling credits will be phased out to be left with waste services being funded by producers of waste via EPR.

2. Proposal and Details

2.1 In order to introduce weekly food waste collections the government has provided New Burdens capital funding for specific elements. All funding will be based on modelled costs rather than a process of reimbursing LAs for actual expenditure.

2.2 Capital New Burdens Funding payments will be made through section 31 grants as follows:

Kitchen caddies	Kerbside caddies	Communal wheeled bins	Vehicles	Total funding	additional	Revised Total Funding
£2,226	£228,266	£0	£613,800	£844,292	£4,183	£848,475

- 2.3 New specialist, self-contained and non-compaction, vehicles are required for food waste due to the nature of the waste collected and the leachate that occurs as a result of food decomposing. The actual costs of the vehicles were much higher than the budget provided by DEFRA. It was assumed at the time data was compiled that vehicles would cost £95,000 each but the actual cost is £133,040. These vehicles have been ordered and are due to arrive early next year. The capital programme included this as part of the MTFP in February.
- 2.4 The kerbside caddies are due to arrive before the end of the year at a cost of £171,500.
- 2.5 In 2014, Kitchen caddies were provided to each household and DEFRA have not provided funding to supply new kitchen caddies to each household. Some residents may not have access to these caddies as they may have moved to a house where it was taken by previous tenants, or it could be a new property built after 2014. Anecdotally, many caddies are being used for storing items such as pegs, wool, fishing line, pencil crayons etc. If residents do require a caddy, these can be picked up at one of the roadshows that will be held to promote the service changes, whilst stocks last. The cost of purchasing 4000 caddies is £5000. Residents can also purchase their own kitchen caddy or any suitable container of their choice.
- 2.6 Transitional New Burdens Funding payments will be made through section 31 grants as follows:

Container delivery	Project management	Procurement	Communications	Total
£159,079.55	£67,000.00	£2,000.00	£88,434.17	£316,513.72

- 2.7 NEDDC officers will undertake the elements highlighted above in-house. In doing so it is estimated that the transitional costs would be reduced to £115,000 making the introduction of initial caddy liners possible.
- 2.8 Compostable kitchen caddy liners are not funded as part of the New Burdens settlement. Some councils supply these to customers as an ongoing revenue burden others do not supply the liners at all.
- 2.9 However, to encourage behavioural change, the new service should be made as easy as possible for residents. Therefore, many councils are providing the

first roll of kitchen caddy liners to the customer for free. Residents will then be expected to purchase their own liners in the same way that customers purchase bin liners for their kitchen bins. The cost of providing the roles to each household is £28000. After this point, householders would be encouraged to purchase their own from local suppliers.

2.10 TEEP Assessment

2.11 The options considered for NEDDC are listed below:

Option	Dry recycling frequency	Residual waste frequency	Garden waste frequency	Food waste weekly	Impact on recycling rate (43% 24/25)
1 - Current collection plus weekly food waste	2	2	2	1	>2.5%
2 - Fortnightly separate paper and card, Fortnightly glass, metals & Plastics + food waste	2	2	2	1	>2.5%

- 2.12 A TEEP assessment for business recycling was carried out earlier in the year as mentioned in paragraph 1.13. This was done prior to the introduction of Simpler Recycling to all businesses with 10 FTE's or more. The TEEP assessment highlighted that to introduce a separate collection for paper and card additional capital investment would be required for new vehicles and containers along with changes to current waste processing arrangements.
- 2.13 NEDDC must also produce a TEEP assessment for domestic recycling to demonstrate to DEFRA the justification for continuing to comingle paper and card along with other dry materials in the one bin. Initial calculations indicate that a further capital investment of £1,017,000 would be required to purchase separate bins and collection vehicles. Whilst other receptacles could be considered, e.g. bags/bin inserts these are not practical for bulky materials such as cardboard. Ongoing revenue costs for a separate collection for paper and card are estimated to be £360,000 per annum. Clearly, this is amount of investment is not economically viable and can be demonstrated in the TEEP assessment.

2.14 Financial Considerations

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- 2.15 As presented at the beginning of the report the income from Government should offset any changes. However, it is calculated that an additional 19 staff are required to provide a weekly food waste service to the residents of NEDDC. These numbers are replicated for other neighbouring authorities which causes competition during recruitment. This also has serious implications on corporate support services such as HR, finance and Health and Safety.
- 2.16 All service areas have been made aware of the changes to waste collection and an officer working group will be set up in September to oversee the project design, delivery and robust communications to residents.
- 2.17 NEDDC currently suspend the garden waste collection service for 3 months over the winter. Simpler Recycling provides the opportunity to extend the service throughout the year with a break over the Christmas period only. This would enhance the service for residents and has recently been requested by District members.
- 2.18 In addition to staffing implications, the Depot provision in the south of the district has been a major impact caused directly by the Simpler Recycling Policy. Currently, NEDDC lease vehicle parking spaces from Bolsover district council at the Doe Lea Depot. Simpler Recycling impacts on all Las and Bolsover will need the parking spaces currently used by NEDDC vehicles to store their new fleet of food waste vehicles. This in turn has meant that NEDDC have had additional complications in finding a suitable alternative vehicle parking hub.
- 2.19 Planning permission was approved for a 2-year temporary vehicle parking hub at the back of Mill Lane council offices. The cost to provide this temporary solution is £250,000. DEFRA have been approached repeatedly since 7 February 2024 to provide NEDDC with the additional funding required as a direct result of the Simpler Recycling policy. To date no decision has been made.
- 2.20 A long term depot solution is being progressed in order to move the workshop activities to a depot location that is not at risk of flooding.

2.21 Preferred option:

 Undertake TEEP assessment to reflect option 1 in section 2.11 above and continue existing comingled dry recycling waste service to reflect collection frequencies summarised below:

Waste Stream	Frequency	Container
Residual	Fortnightly	Black
Dry Recycling (Comingled)	Fortnightly	Burgundy
Food	Weekly	Brown Kerbside
	-	Caddy
Garden Waste	Fortnightly	Green Bin

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- 3) Provide initial roll of compostable kitchen caddy liners to each household.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 As highlighted previously throughout the report, the recommendations provides offer a robust option to meet the statutory changes to waste collection introduced by Government.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 The Environment Act specifically determine how waste in England must be collected as outlined earlier in the report. A weekly food waste collection is a statutory requirement.
- 4.2 As demonstrated previously in the report the move to introducing a separate collection for paper and card would be prohibitively expensive and would require a considerable outlay for new wheeled bins.

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