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Capital Fleet Replacement Program

Collection System

Cotswold District Council



Collection System

For example...

H&S

Safe vehicles, staff, service users

Legislation

EPR, DRS, Simpler Recycling

Cost

Ease of Use (resident)

Cost reduction/ increased revenue

containers/ service rules

Street Scene

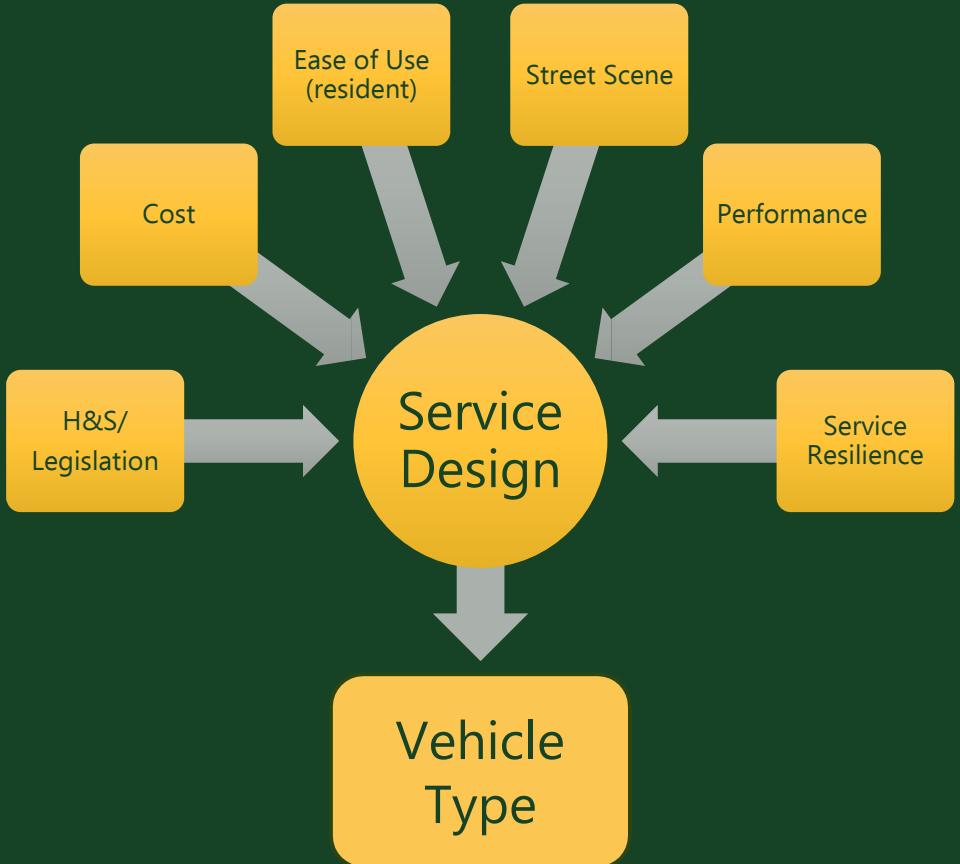
Windblown litter/ container storage

Performance

Recycling performance, productivity

Service Resilience

Vehicle availability, low staff churn



Vehicles/ Containers – Currently in Use

RCV Refuse Collection Vehicle	Stillage	Farid 'skip on wheels'
		
Refuse Garden Waste	Dry Recycling + Food	Food Waste
 	   	 

Chargeable Garden Waste



Current Service

Number of Frontline Vehicles

Legislation Impact

Industry Trend

Related Impact on Vehicle Replacement

Fortnightly from 240 litre wheeled bin

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- None
- None (service is currently optimised)
- None



Refuse Collection



Current Service

Fortnightly from 180 litre wheeled bin

Number of Frontline Vehicles

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Legislation Impact

- Increased recycling/ reducing refuse

Industry Trend

- Reduced frequency (three or four weekly)
- Reduced containment (140 litre bins)

Related Impact on Vehicle Replacement

- No change to vehicle type
- Potential reduction in number of vehicles
- (increased requirement for recycling vehicles)
- (reduction in residual waste arisings/ treatment cost)



Dry Recycling and Food



Current Service

Fortnightly dry recycling and food (2 boxes, 2 sacks, caddy)
Fortnightly food

Number of Frontline Vehicles

15 x dry recycling and food
5 x food waste

Legislation Impact

- EPR, DRS, Simpler Recycling, ETS

Industry Trend

Three main collection systems are in operation, with variants
1. Commingled
2. Twin stream
3. Kerbside Sort (using stillage vehicles)

Wide range of factors drive system selection

Related Impact on Vehicle Replacement

- A change in system = a change in vehicles/ routes and containers
- Commingled/ twin stream are cheaper in terms of collection, but more expensive in terms of handling/ processing materials
- **There is no one-right-way**

- All three main systems for recycling and food waste collection are in operation across Gloucestershire
- Changing the recycling and food waste collection system would incur significant mobilisation costs and may lead to service disruptions to residents
- Mobilisation costs would be incurred in areas such as resident communications and re-routing
- Additionally, in the case of twin-stream collections, significant costs would be incurred with the supply and delivery of new containers
- A decision may be made to harmonise services by the new Unitary Authority. This could require further change

NO CHANGE TO RECYCLING AND FOOD WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM

- Recycling and food waste system is not changed
- Where a change is required, it will be delivered once, following LGR
- Current understanding of legislation changes will be used to inform the design of replacement stillage vehicles



Legislation Change

- Known/ unknowns
- We know what is happening, but not the impact
- Changes may be subject to further delays
- Used to inform sensitivity testing – number/ design of recycling vehicles

[packaging] Extended Producer Responsibility (pEPR)

- **Live**
- Funding being provided to authorities to collect in-scope packaging (e.g. card, paper, foil, plastic tubs)
- £1.683m to CDC for 2025/26

Simpler Recycling

- **April 2027**
- Requirement to offer plastic film collections to households (collection/ processing cost will be offset by increased EPR funding)

Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)

- **October 2027**
- Diversion of in-scope packaging from collection systems (cans and plastic bottles)

Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)

- **January 2028**
- Carbon tax on fossil element of CO2 emissions from EfW

WEEE Reform

- **Subject to consultation**
- Likely to mean funding for small and large WEEE collection

