

Appendix A

District Councillors Report to April 2017 Parish Council Meeting.

Refuse Collection Changes.

Since 2012 we have seen an increase in the amount the borough re-cycles but we need to do more. The council's recycling rate is currently 43 per cent. If we are not recycling 50 per cent of our waste by 2020 Wigan Council will face significant fines.

By re-cycling more and re-cycling right these changes will allow Wigan Council to save £2million each year, protect essential front line services and keep Council tax low.

From Monday 25th September residents bin collections are changing:

- Green bin collection every two weeks
- Brown bin collection every three weeks
- Blue bin collection every three weeks
- Black bin collection every three weeks

Support will be available for larger households and households with healthcare waste.

As the rounds change, you may see different refuse crews working in your area and a change in collection day is likely. There will also be changes to the time of day when bins are emptied. New calendars will be sent to every household explaining their new collections. These changes will allow us to develop new and efficient vehicle routes, provide a more efficient service for our residents, increase our re-cycling rate and reduce the amount of waste sent to costly disposal.

There will be more detailed information being sent out in summer which will consist of a letter and booklet sent to every household in the borough. You can also find lots of information on the website at www.wigan.gov.uk/mybincollection which was available from Tuesday 25th April. This will be backed up with wider communications to make sure residents know what is changing and why.

Regards

Mike, Paul and Damian.