
A close-up photograph of a hand pulling the handle of a grey recycling bin. In the background, a white recycling truck with orange flashing lights is parked on a residential street. A red car is also visible in the background, parked near a house.

**Proposed changes to the Recycling service in Antrim and Newtownabbey would help ensure all residents within the Borough receive the same high quality waste and recycling collection services.**

We hope this information sheet will help answer some of the questions you may have on how the changes would affect you if you live in the Antrim area.



## What are the proposed changes to waste collections?

Residents who currently have a blue mixed recycling bin would receive a new recycling container, the wheelie box. This new container would also collect additional items for recycling including glass, textiles and household batteries.

The wheelie box would also be collected more regularly (every week) and offers more capacity for recyclable waste than the current blue bin service (over two weeks).

As residents would be able to recycle more waste, including glass, batteries, textiles, paper, cardboard, food and drink cans, plastic pots/tubs/trays, garden and food waste, the black bin for the leftover waste would be replaced with a smaller streamlined black bin.

Sorting waste using the wheelie box would mean less contamination resulting in more waste being recycled.

There would be **no change** to the **brown bin** collection service in the **Antrim area**.





## Will there be any changes in the Newtownabbey Area?

There would be **no changes** to **any** of the waste collection services in the Newtownabbey area.



## Why is the Council proposing this change? What are the benefits?

The Council is proposing the change to increase recycling and improve the quality of the recycling. It is also establishing a consistent approach to waste collection across the whole Borough, simplifying communications with residents and saving in the region of £6 million over 10 years.



## Would there be a reduction in service?

No, the proposed changes allow residents to recycle items that they previously could not do without going to the Household Recycling Centre. As the wheelie boxes are collected weekly, residents would have an improved service and greater capacity to recycle.



## Would there be a charge for the new bin collection service?

No. There would be no additional charges for your bin collection service. The changes are estimated to save around £6 million over 10 years which would be reinvested into other services and facilities within the Borough.



## What would this mean for Council staff?

There would be no compulsory redundancies and no imposed TUPE transfer to a third party organisation. Those wishing to leave through the severance scheme would be able to do so on a voluntary basis.



## When will the decision be made about this?

A three month consultation exercise will soon commence and it's anticipated that the final decision would be made in the Autumn.



## Who do I contact if I have any other questions?

Please email your feedback to [recyclingfeedback@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk](mailto:recyclingfeedback@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk) or complete our online survey at [antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/consultations](http://antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/consultations)