

Minutes



Formal Council Questions and Responses

Date: 20 March 2025

1 **Question to the Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Biodiversity: 2025/07 - Bin Sizes**

Councillor Fouweather asked:

At the last council meeting in February you commented that residents who cannot manage with the smaller bins should stop being extravagant when they shop. Do you still stand by this comment?

Secondly there is very little difference in the amount of waste produced by a family of four or five yet families of four are expected to manage with the smaller size bin. Will you consider allowing families of four to have the larger bin if they request it?

Councillor Forsey responded:

As part of national and local waste strategies, reduction in consumption of single use materials is critical, both financially and environmentally.

NCC provides a frequent collection of most waste streams directly from households. We anticipate this year over 70% of waste will be separated for recycling, which is one of the best performances in the entire UK.

Even with a very high recycling rate, our latest composition study, shows that nearly half of the waste in domestic bins, could, however, have been easily recycled.

For anyone who requires help, a free waste education visit can be arranged, so that officers can offer tailored advice and support.

Whilst we have dramatically improved our performance over the last two decades, for both financial and environmental reasons it is imperative that we all work together to reduce, reuse and recycling and remove dependency on finite resources.

The meeting terminated at Time Not Specified