

**SUMMARY OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS REQUIRING A WRITTEN RESPONSE
AND MEMBER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
15 July 2019**

Minute No. 11	Leader of the Council: Annual Report	Outcome
Councillor Bob Wright requested clarification on the following issues:		
(1) (a) How many electric vehicles will be added to the fleet? (b) What is the current size of the Council's vehicle fleet? (c) What will the electric vehicles cost?	Response received from the Head of Streetsmart on 2 nd August 2019 as follows: (a) Four Vehicles. (b) Twenty Eight Vehicles and 114 items of plant equipment. (c) Each Electric Vehicle will cost £15,551, this includes the electric vehicle grant.	Complete
(2) How does the Council's production of the waste pellets as an alternative to solid fuel affect the Council's Climate Change agenda?	Response requested from the Head of Streetsmart on 26 th July 2019.	On-going
(3) Is the increase in the number of rats around the Zurich site due to food waste and food wrappers and how as a street cleaning issue will this be addressed?	Response requested from the Head of Streetsmart on 26 th July 2019.	On-going
(4) The fairness of householders paying for replacement lids and boxes should these be damaged by waste collection crew.	Response received from the Head of Streetsmart on 2 nd August 2019 as follows: <i>A charge will be applied to all new and replacement boxes apart from in the following scenarios:</i> - Crew damage box- If a crew member damages a box they will report it and the Council will replace it free of charge - Resident cannot afford a box – residents claiming 80%	Complete

or more council tax reduction can purchase boxes at a concessionary rate, in a similar way they can receive bulky household waste collections at a concessionary rate. Evidence will need to be provided.

Will the money raised produce any income for the council?

The charges are used to cover the cost of ordering, storing and the administration of boxes and will not produce any surplus income for the Council.

You are asking people to recycle more but you are making it harder for them. Is it not better to just give them boxes for free?

We do not wish to discourage recycling, however at the same time supplying recycling boxes for free comes at a significant cost to the taxpayer. Our engagement with residents indicated that they were happy to pay a relatively small cost for a sturdy recycling box that will last between 5-7 years.

How did you decide on the figure for the charging of boxes?

The price is based on the unit price and storage of the boxes and the administrative cost.

Can you buy a lid rather than an entire box and vice versa?

Yes, a box is £5 without the lid and a lid only is £2. The concessionary rate gives a 20% reduction

Do any other Council's charge for additional boxes?

Yes many other Council's charge for supplying new or additional recycling boxes/ bins.

How many boxes will I be able to purchase at once?

	<p>4 (this is currently limited due to demand on stock)</p> <p><i>Will there be a warranty period for each box (e.g. if it is broken after one week)?</i> In the unlikely event that this happens we will look at individual cases.</p> <p><i>If I move house will I be able to take my boxes with me?</i> Residents are asked to leave two recycling boxes at the property when they move.</p> <p><i>Will the box be delivered to me or will I have to collect the box myself (will an additional fee be included for the delivery of the box)?</i> We can deliver or you can collect. The charge remains the same although it may be quicker to collect.</p>	
<p>(5) Could Members be briefed on:</p> <p>(a) How the Local Plan operated in the absence of the old policy SD1.</p> <p>(b) The Design Guide for Highways in relation to the ability of this policy to influence green planting related to Highway Schemes.</p>	<p>The Head of Planning, Heritage and Regulatory Services is investigating a presentation, open to all Members, on both of these items prior to either a meeting of this Committee or the Planning Committee.</p>	Complete