

CABINET WASTE AND RECYCLING GROUP

Tuesday, 7th April, 2026

Present: Councillor Stewart Eaves , Councillor Steven Smithson

Apologies Munsif Dad BEM JP and Kimberley Whitehead

6 Apologies for Absence, Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Apologies for Absence were given by Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP and Councillor Kimberley Whitehead.

7 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Cabinet Waste and Recycling Group held on the 30th of September 2025 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

Resolved – That the minutes be received as a correct record.

8 Food waste collections update

Mr Craig Haraben, Head of Environmental Services, delivered the update on food waste collections in Hyndburn.

The collections started on the 1st of April, with approximately half the borough having had a collection of the Food Waste cadies at the time of the meeting.

Mr Haraben advised that all cadies had been delivered in January and February of 2026 and included bags, informational leaflet and a bin collection calendar.

Mr Haraben informed that the food waste collections were going well with uptake similar to that of the national average.

Food waste collections are being tipped into a covered skip at Willows Lane and collected every other day by Lancashire County Council who then take the waste to Farrington Waste Recovery Park where it will be disposed of by Anerobic Digestion.

Information has been circulated to residents in the months previous to the first day of collection. A multimedia approach has been undertaken with both physical paper copies and online formats such as YouTube and social media platforms.

All staff who work with and around the new waste collection vehicles have undertaken the required training and collection arrangements.

Mr Haraben noted that some residents may be confused by the collection vehicles as they have 2 compartments to keep the type of waste being collected separate.

Mr Haraben advised that those who live in flats or sheltered accommodation have been provided with the indoor cadies but will dispose of their food waste via a communal bin with a locked lid to prevent pests.

9 Update on the new waste transfer arrangements for residual waste

Mr Haraben confirmed that the new waste transfer arrangements had been agreed. The county council has agreed a 4 year contact with Hapton EnviroFuel

Mr Haraben reported that site visits had been undertaken and positive reports received from the drivers as to the efficiency of the site.

The Street Sweeping Contract has also been awarded and is located on Moorfield Industrial Estate in Altham.

Staff have been positive about the arrangements and its location.

Councillor Steven Smithson suggested that the recyclate of the plants be highlighted in some informational materials to show residents the full process of their recycling.

10 Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

11 Date of the next Meeting

The next meeting is due to be held in July 2026.

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Date:

Chair of the meeting
At which the minutes were confirmed