

REPORT TO:		Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	
DATE:		29 July 2026	
PORTFOLIO:		Councillor Paul Cox - Environmental Services	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Craig Haraben (Head of Environmental Services)	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Skip Days	
EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)	No	Not applicable	
KEY DECISION:	No	If yes, date of publication:	

1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To update Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee about the skip days which took place between December 2024 and December 2025.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee note the report

3. **Background**

- 3.1 As part of the Councils desire to try different ways for residents to dispose of and recycle as many items as possible Cabinet chose to have some skip days for residents and have the skip days located throughout the Borough
- 3.2 Cabinet initially spoke to SUEZ the operator of Whinney Hill tip site who agreed to provide a number of skips free of charge to facilitate the skip days.
- 3.3 The positive news is that Hyndburn already provides many different streams for dealing with waste and recycling. Residents can recycle glass, cans, plastics, cardboard, paper, green waste, batteries, mattresses, waste upholstered domestic seating (WUDS), metal, wooden items, tyres, textiles, fridges, freezers and waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE).

- 3.4 All these items are either picked up as part of the wheelie bin collection rounds or can be booked as bulky waste items by either ringing the Council's contact centre or booking via the app. Residents can book one bulky collection per month of up to 6 items which will be collected from residents homes either the day before grey bin day (recyclable bulky waste) or on grey bin day (non-recyclable bulky waste).
- 3.5 It was agreed with the portfolio holder that leaflets advertising the skip days would not only give information about the location, time and date of the skip days but would also advise what could and could not be put into the skips. It was also agreed that ward Cllrs would attend the skip days and to further advise people about items which could be put into the skips.
- 3.6 Between December 2024 and December 2025 nine skip days took place (see below). They generally took place on a Saturday morning whereby the skip was available to residents for approximately 2 hours.

Huncoat Ward – 7 December 2024 Suez
Barnfield Ward - 1 February 2025 Suez
Netherton Ward – 8 February 2025 Suez
Overton Ward - 15 February 2025 Suez
St Andrews Ward - 12 July 2025 SB Tippers costs £475
St Oswalds Ward - 9 August 2025 SB Tippers costs £475
Milnshaw Ward - 25 October 2025 SB Tippers costs £475
Spring Hill Ward - 29 November 2025 SB Tippers costs £475
Church Ward - 13 December 2025 SB Tippers costs £475

- 3.7 As you can see from the above table SUEZ were willing to provide skips for four skip days. After that Waste Services engaged SB Tippers from Great Harwood to provide the skips for skip days.
- 3.8 The amount of waste taken on the skip days was relatively low. Officers believe that this is in part because the Council offers a comprehensive bulky waste collection service which will collect both recyclable and non-recyclable bulky waste items (which would have traditionally been thrown into a skip) directly from residents homes.
- 3.9 After reviewing the participation for skip days and taking into consideration the Councils comprehensive bulky waste service, the Council will be looking at investing in other schemes to promote responsible waste and recycling by residents.

4. Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 N/A

5. Consultations

- 5.1 The portfolio holder and waste services officers were consulted in the writing of this report.

6. Implications

Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)	There is a cost to holding skip days. The cost of the skip on each occasion is approximately £475.
Legal and human rights implications	The Council has a legal duty to separate waste streams as per the Environment Act 2021.
Assessment of risk	There is a risk that skip days mean that the waste is not separated or recycled correctly.
Equality and diversity implications	N/A

**7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985:
List of Background Papers**

7.1 There are no background papers to this report

8. Freedom of Information

8.1 The report does not contain exempt information under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A and all information can be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.