

# ISSUE OF EXTRA HOUSEHOLD WASTE BIN INFORMATION FOR APPLICATIONS

*If you are considering applying for an extra wheeled refuse bin because you feel your current bin is not large enough for your needs, you should read the following notes.*

## **1. Household Size**

The Council's policy allows households of six or more permanent residents to receive an extra 140L black general refuse bin, subject to the household meeting all other relevant conditions (as set out below). Evidence of the number of residents is required. However, you can apply if there are other exceptional circumstances which leads to you producing a higher level of waste than would normally be the case. The Council will consider each such case on its merits, but would expect that residents make every reasonable effort to keep the amount of waste they produce to a minimum.

## **2. Use of Recycling Facilities**

When the Council assesses any application for an extra black bin, we will confirm what recycling facilities are available to that household.

Burgundy recycling bins (for paper, plastic bottles and containers, food and drinks cans, glass bottles and jars, cardboard, aerosols, waxed cartons, household batteries, and textiles) are available to all households. Households who do not recycle would not be issued with an extra black bin, and the Council reserves the right to withdraw an extra bin from households who fail to recycle.

The general black refuse bin is not intended for disposal of items that can be recycled, and households must recycle using the facilities available to them.

If you are ripping up card, squashing plastic bottles etc and are still having trouble containing the recyclables in the burgundy bin, we may be able to provide a second recycling bin – please contact us for more details.

## **3. Reasonable attempts to minimise waste**

The Council would expect households to make reasonable efforts to minimise waste. This would include flattening items such as plastic bottles to take up less space in the burgundy bin in order to make a reasonable attempt to fit all waste in the normal size of bin provided. Green bins are provided for the disposal of green waste and should be used for this purpose. The Council has a responsibility to keep its service costs as low as possible for all residents, and is therefore not in a position to provide greater capacity to individual households unless there are special reasons for doing so.

## **4. Circumstances of household Occupants**

If the household produces a significant amount of medical waste due to disability or other similar factors resulting in an unavoidably larger amount of waste than would normally be the case, you may qualify for the extra capacity or we can arrange for a weekly medical collection from your house.