

Chairman's Announcement

Subject: Have your say on the future of waste and recycling services in Wiltshire

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Wiltshire residents are being asked to help shape Wiltshire Council's 10-year strategy on how it collects and manages household waste and recycling.

A consultation is now underway to get people's feedback and to ensure the strategy is representative of residents' opinions and reflects how they manage their waste at home. The consultation is open until 14 November.

It currently costs Wiltshire Council upwards of £30 million per year to manage all of Wiltshire's household waste and recycling so it is important that its long-term strategy is affordable. Currently, each Wiltshire household produces on average 566 kg of non-recycled waste per year. The council has to pay to collect and manage waste and recycling. While some recyclable materials have a value, any income that is generated from selling them goes towards offsetting a small part of the cost of delivering the service.

The questions in the consultation have been developed following workshops held with council members and cover a broad range of ideas and suggestions. We want to be thorough and make sure we've had a careful look at all the options in order to plan our waste and recycling services for the next decade.

The consultation can be found at <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/> or on the waste and recycling pages of the council's website. Paper copies can be made available on request.

Following the consultation, the draft version of the strategy will be reported to environment select committee, cabinet, and full council for consideration and to be adopted.