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Notice of meeting

Strong Communities Select Committee

Thursday, 6th December, 2018 at 10.00 am,
Conference Room - Usk, NP15 1AD

Please note that a pre meeting will be held 30 minutes before the start of the meeting for members of the committee.

AGENDA

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No matters to discuss		
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Paul Matthews

Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillors:

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Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Objectives we are working towards

- Giving people the best possible start in life
- A thriving and connected county
- Maximise the Potential of the natural and built environment
- Lifelong well-being
- A future focused council

Our Values

Openness. We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

Fairness. We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

Flexibility. We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

Teamwork. We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

Monmouthshire Scrutiny Committee Guide

Role of the Pre-meeting

1. Why is the Committee scrutinising this? (background, key issues)
 2. What is the Committee's role and what outcome do Members want to achieve?
 3. Is there sufficient information to achieve this? If not, who could provide this?
- Agree the order of questioning and which Members will lead
 - Agree questions for officers and questions for the Cabinet Member

Questions for the Meeting

Scrutinising Performance

1. How does performance compare with previous years? Is it better/worse? Why?
2. How does performance compare with other councils/other service providers? Is it better/worse? Why?
3. How does performance compare with set targets? Is it better/worse? Why?
4. How were performance targets set? Are they challenging enough/realistic?
5. How do service users/the public/partners view the performance of the service?
6. Have there been any recent audit and inspections? What were the findings?
7. How does the service contribute to the achievement of corporate objectives?
8. Is improvement/decline in performance linked to an increase/reduction in resource? What capacity is there to improve?

Scrutinising Policy

1. Who does the policy affect ~ directly and indirectly? Who will benefit most/least?
2. What is the view of service users/stakeholders? Do they believe it will achieve the desired outcome?
3. What is the view of the community as a whole - the 'taxpayer' perspective?
4. What methods were used to consult with stakeholders? Did the process enable all those with a stake to have their say?
5. What practice and options have been considered in developing/reviewing this policy? What evidence is there to inform what works?
6. Does this policy align to our corporate objectives, as defined in our corporate plan?
7. Have all relevant sustainable development, equalities and safeguarding implications been taken into consideration? For example, what are *the procedures that need to be in place to protect children*?
8. How much will this cost to implement and what funding source has been identified?
9. How will performance of the policy be measured and the impact evaluated.

Questions for the Committee to conclude...

Do we have the necessary information to form conclusions/make recommendations to the executive, council, other partners? If not, do we need to:

- (i) Investigate the issue in more detail?
- (ii) Obtain further information from other witnesses – Executive Member, independent expert, members of the local community, service users, regulatory bodies...
- (iii) Agree further actions to be undertaken within a timescale/future monitoring report...

General Questions....

Empowering Communities

- How are we involving local communities and empowering them to design and deliver services to suit local need?
- Do we have regular discussions with communities about service priorities and what level of service the council can afford to provide in the future?

Service Demands

- How will policy and legislative change affect how the council operates?
- Have we considered the demographics of our council and how this will impact on service delivery and funding in the future?

Financial Planning

- Do we have robust medium and long-term financial plans in place?
- Are we linking budgets to plans and outcomes and reporting effectively on these?

Making savings and generating income

- Do we have the right structures in place to ensure that our efficiency, improvement and transformational approaches are working together to maximise savings?
- How are we maximising income? Have we compared other council's policies to maximise income and fully considered the implications on service users?
- Do we have a workforce plan that takes into account capacity, costs, and skills of the actual versus desired workforce?

SUBJECT:	MARCH ON FOR WASTE CHANGES – RECYCLING RECEPTACLES
MEETING:	STRONG COMMUNITIES SELECT
DATE:	6th DECEMBER 2018
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

PURPOSE:

This report seeks to update members on savings, reduction in costs and potential for increased income generation as a result of changes to the types of bag we use to collect recycling.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1.1) To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Operations to approve the move to reusable bags for dry recycling to improve the quality of recycle, achieve savings and maximise income generation

1.2) To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Operations to approve the use of recycled plastic bags for food waste collections to improve the quantity of food waste being reprocessed and achieve savings in support of budget pressures

2. KEY ISSUES:

2.1 REUSABLE BAGS FOR DRY RECYCLATES (plastic, cans, paper, card)

Council budgets are under increasing pressure and services must look to innovative and new ways to achieve savings or deliver services with reduced funding.

Monmouthshire has an excellent recycling record but we must be aware of changes in markets, public perception and the national political priorities as well as innovation and legislative context when considering service changes.

As a result of the Recycling Review service changes already approved (implementation in March'19), a number of additional options for service change have been considered that could be implemented to reduce costs further.

Whilst the outcome of Brexit negotiations are unknown, and the precise impact may be unknown for some time, it is certain there will be an impact upon the recycling market. Early indications are that low grade recyclates (i.e. those contaminated with other products) will be even less desirable to the market and so will suffer a greater variance in values in the near future. It should be noted that contaminated recyclates already generate a lower price than high quality and are sometimes rejected if contamination is unacceptable (although MCC recycle is rarely rejected). Welsh Government has long

called for greater separation of waste at the kerbside and do not support the comingling of domestic recycling collections.

MCC is moving towards greater separation of recycling through the recycling review meaning glass will be collected separately and the red and purple bags will no longer be collected into a single compartment on the refuse freighter (comingled). A change to reusable bags (similar to those used for garden waste but with a flap to act as a lid) gives us an opportunity to reduce our reliance upon and costs associated with single use plastic bags and increase income from those materials as the materials being collected in separate compartments on the lorry thereby reducing the risk of contamination. As part of a public survey, residents were asked if they would be happy to use reusable recycling bags (Polyprop bags similar to garden waste bags but fully weighted and Velcro-lock lids) or plastic boxes for recycling Appendix 1.

A public consultation exercise indicated that the public are not averse to such a change. Of the 1700 respondents canvassed the majority (10% more) supported the Council making the change to reusable bags. Additional results from the survey indicated that over 90% of households put 2 or less bags out a week of dry recycling and so we can include this modelling when purchasing reusable bags.

Single use plastic bags for recycling collections have benefits for residents ie. clear streetscape after collection, easy to collect from hubs, easy to use and store, acceptable to residents. Moving towards reusable bags for recyclates would reduce costs and also increase the income we are able to generate (better quality recyclate) but may impact on some of the benefits of single use plastic bags.

It is noted that such an approach may not suit all households eg. flats, elderly complexes and mixed hereditaments but we already have bespoke operational services for many of these property types. We would continue to support households with bespoke solutions regardless of changes to containers and in line with our waste collections policies. The single use plastic bags offer greater flexibility because residents put out as many as are needed. A reusable bag holds approximately the same volume as two single use bags so for the vast majority will be quite adequate but for households where volume is a problem we will work with them to accommodate their needs.

2.2 HANDLING FOOD WASTE IN THE FUTURE (recycled plastic v starch bags)

The Council signed a new contract for the treatment of Food Waste with Agrivert in April 2018. The contract stipulates that Agrivert must accept food contained in compostable (starch) bags. Whilst the company is obliged to receive food in compostable bags the compostable bags are not composted as part of this process; they are removed from the food and are sent to Energy from Waste (EfW) for treatment (incineration). Agrivert have indicated that they would prefer food waste collected in plastic bags as this increases the food capture yield and allow for the authorities to save money with no diminution in service.

Recycled plastic food waste bags

Providing bags for food waste collections have been proven to increase participation in schemes by at least 25%. Monmouthshire have provided food waste collections in corn starch bags for over 10 years. These bags are usually produced overseas and shipped into the UK and begin to biodegrade naturally within 6 to 12 months.

Traditionally the food was composted 'in-vessel' and the compostable bags broke down in the process. From December 2018 Monmouthshire's food waste will be sent to the Agrivert Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plant in Bridgend where it will be processed to generate electricity for the national grid.

AD differs significantly from in-vessel composting as follows:

- decomposing at temperatures of 40 degrees
- In the dark and
- In the absence of oxygen

These conditions do not allow the current compostable bags that Monmouthshire uses to breakdown as part of the process as they require higher temperatures, light and oxygen.

The first step of the AD process is therefore to debag the food and send the bags for processing via the Energy from Waste Plant at Cardiff. Over the years of operating AD plants Agrivert have found that thin plastic liners offer a more cost effective solution for Authorities and are easier to process and remove in a pre-treatment stage.

Agrivert have proposed that a thin plastic liner is a more suitable and cost effective solution for all parties involved. Supplying food waste liners increases participation but the new AD contract would mean households can also use every day plastic bags to dispose of their food waste such as frozen pea or bread bags.

There is an increased scrutiny and public awareness of single use plastic waste in the environment and information conveyed to the public should be open and transparent on the rationale for plastic bags. The other authorities within Heads of the Valleys Food Waste Contract are also considering such a change. Aligning the change at the same time would allow greater promotion and awareness scheme collaboration. Other authorities using AD have already changed to plastic bags for food waste. There is funding available for the promotion and education of AD and this could support the purchase of bags if we decide to make the change along with the other "Hub" Authorities.

Locally produced (Hereford) recycled plastic food waste liners are available. They have a 90% recycled plastic content that is sourced within the UK. They are approximately 43% cheaper than corn starch bags and this cost may reduce further if the 3 authorities and Agrivert procure collaboratively.

Lower grade 100% virgin material plastic food waste bags are cheaper again but this doesn't support the wider recycling message. Using recycled bags would create an opportunity to reduce costs and support local recycling reprocessors.

3. EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION (INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

The move to reusable bags for dry recyclables will significantly reduce costs and is a positive step towards the Welsh Governments Collection Blueprint. We currently use 50 tonnes of single use plastic bags to collect the recyclables and at present the red and purple bags are not recycled but sent to energy from waste. A move to reusable bags should also increase the quality of the recyclate meaning more can be used in the UK without sending abroad for secondary reprocessing. In the future there may be further opportunities to separate the waste streams further at sites within MCC to increase income generation.

The move to plastic bags for food will also reduce costs significantly and give residents the opportunity to use other single use plastic bags (eg. Bread bags, vegetable bags, freezer bags) for their kitchen food waste. Although this would seem a retrograde step in light of the Plastic Free movement whether the bags are starch or plastic they will be disposed of in the same way through EfW. We have been unable to find conclusive Life Cycle Analysis data on the use of single use plastics versus starch bags for this purpose, nevertheless it should be emphasised that the proposed bags use recycled plastic and bags that might otherwise go into the residual waste stream may be used to process food waste. Starch bags are produced from arable land that may be better used for food crops, plastic bags are available that are manufactured locally from 90% recycled polymers.

4. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

Reusable bags

Option	Benefit	Risk	Comments
Do Nothing – continue to supply single use plastic bags	No change for the public or collection crews.	No budget saving. Recyclate quality affects value and increases costs in the future. Reliance on single use plastic bags with limited recycled content that are likely to increase in cost with plastic tax.	The changes to glass box and separation of other materials is already in progress. Introducing additional changes at this point may cause greater uncertainty for the public.
Move to reusable bags for recycling as of March 4 th 2019	Many residents have raised concerns over single use plastics. Substantial costs savings. Closer to Welsh	Public backlash to changes Streetscape issues with bags left after collections.	The food waste caddy and glass box will be left on the street. Given procurement and manufacturing times it's

	Government Collections Blueprint. Maximises benefit of new fleet capacity. Big bang approach to waste changes.		unlikely to be achievable for March 2019 recycling review implementation.
Phased approach by issuing reusable bags through hubs over several months to residents keen to reduce plastic. Allow us to monitor usage and quantify results.	As above. Allows for a slower less expensive roll out of bags.	Potentially increases workload at Hubs having to store both types of bags. Will receive lowest rebate as majority of material will be in plastic bags.	More palatable to residents but limited income opportunity and cost savings in first year.

Recycled plastic bags for food

Do nothing.	No changes for the public	No savings	Bags are being separated from waste and going to EfW
Continue to supply starch bags but allow residents to use plastic bags	No change to public from MCC but wider choice for residents and allows them to reuse other single use plastic bags	No savings – mixed message on what the process is	Bags are being separated from waste and going to EfW
Supply recycled plastic bags	Reduces costs, increase capture of food waste, easy for residents	Public perception of single use plastics causes backlash.	Ensure the message is clear and concise on the rationale that bags are being separated from waste and going to EfW

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

We continually monitor the collections and tonnages recycled and will carry out a further customer satisfaction survey in early 2020.

6. REASONS:

The decision is to improve the quality of the recycle further and reduce costs in purchasing receptacles for recycling and food waste.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Reusable bags

- The Council currently spends £180,000 on single use bags for dry recycling per year, (£540,000 over 3 years).
- The cost of issuing households with 1 red and 1 purple reusable bag would be approx. £170,000 to £250,000 in year 1. With a 25-30% replacement rate or £50,000 in years 2 and 3. Total cost for 3 years £270,000 (£270,000 saving over 3 years). Reusable bags are guaranteed lifespan of 3 years but may last much longer if the higher quality bags are purchased.
- The use of reusable bags allows the operator greater vision of materials prior to emptying which will enable us to tackle the quality of the materials (non-target waste streams).

Current estimations put non-target waste collected in purple bags at 25% of the overall weight in the existing pilot area.

- Residents are less likely to contaminate a reusable bag and contamination issues can be easily relayed back to resident using informational stickers or tags. Feedback from public consultation supports the introduction of reusable bags rather than pink and purple single use bags.
- Such an approach would be in line with Welsh Government preferred 'blueprint' for recycling collections and may attract grant funding from WG for the initial purchase of reusable bags.
- Increased efficiency and improved H&S for operatives at reprocessing sites who currently have to manually remove single use plastic bags from the machinery.
- Soft market testing indicates an increase of £10 per tonne for materials that do not require "bag splitting". This would equate to an additional £70,000 of cost avoidance for reprocessing costs over and above the income assumptions included in the recycling review and MTFP forecast.
- Approximately 50 tonnes of red and purple single use plastic bags per year are used. At present this material is sent for Energy from Waste as there is limited reprocessors for dirty plastic film.
- The new rounds were designed with sufficient operational capacity to allow for the additional time that would be required to collect and return caddies and glass boxes.

Recycled plastic food bags

- The saving on moving to plastic bags from corn starch bags is £33,000 per annum. (if bags were purchased collaboratively with HoV funding there would be a one off saving of £70,000 in 2019).
- Allows residents to use other single use plastic bags that may reduce costs further
- Plastic bags can be stored for in the house indefinitely so can be issued on rolls of 200 reducing visits to the hubs for residents, less cost delivering bags to the hubs.
- 100% virgin plastic bags offer savings of approximately £44,000 per year.
- Implementing this from January 1st will also offer in year saving in 2018/19.

8. CONSULTEES:

Members Waste workshop 2018
Public consultation 2018
Agrivert and Heads of Valley Food Partnership

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Public consultation papers (appendix 1)
Agrivert advice (appendix 2)

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Well-being and Future Generations Assessment

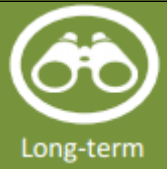



<p>Name of the Officer Carl Touhig, (Interim) Head of Waste & Street Services</p> <p>Phone no: 07580362121/ 01633 644135</p> <p>E-mail: carltouhig@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal</p> <p>Change the receptacles used for collection of recycle and food waste to improve quality and reduce costs.</p>
<p>Name of Service</p> <p>Waste & Street Services</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation October 2020</p>


Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below? Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal.

<p>Well Being Goal</p>	<p>How does the proposal contribute to this goal? (positive and negative)</p>	<p>What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?</p>
<p>A prosperous Wales</p> <p>Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>Improving the quality of recycled material will increase the quantity of material that is reprocessed locally.</p> <p>Buying recycled plastic food bags from local manufacturer creates local employment.</p>	<p>Working with local reprocessors wherever possible.</p>
<p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	<p>Higher quality recycling reduces reprocessing costs and energy used in creating an end product.</p>	

Well Being Goal	How does the proposal contribute to this goal? (positive and negative)	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
<p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>Little impact on health and wellbeing for residents.</p>	
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p>Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>High quality collection services for recycling help keep communities clean and attractive.</p>	
<p>A globally responsible Wales</p> <p>Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing</p>	<p>Moving closer to the Welsh Government Collections Blueprint. Higher quality recycle that can be dealt with locally.</p>	<p>Continue to improve the quality of collected material</p>
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</p> <p>Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation</p>	<p>All promotion material will be bi-lingual.</p>	
<p>A more equal Wales</p> <p>People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances</p>		

8.1 How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p>Long-term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>Immediate impact on costs savings for the budget process.</p> <p>Increasing the quality of recyclate meets the needs of future generations.</p>	<p>Promotions and advertising to further increase quality.</p>
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>Working with Torfaen and Blaenau Gwent on food waste treatment.</p> <p>Higher quality recycling would allow us to work more closely with kerbside sort authorities to bulk material and market recyclate.</p>	<p>Contacted neighbouring authorities to discuss sharing facilities for bulking and marketing material.</p>
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>Discussed options with Members and senior managers at the Waste Workshop. Developed resident survey to gauge public opinion on this and list of other waste services options.</p>	<p>Continue to review services and engage with residents through bi-annual satisfaction surveys</p>
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>Improving quality of recyclate will future proof services and ensure all material can be reprocessed locally.</p>	<p>Additional promotion and advertising will ensure high quality recyclate is produced.</p>

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p data-bbox="177 367 323 398">Integration</p> <p data-bbox="145 400 395 640">Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	<p data-bbox="432 237 919 477">Improving quality of recyclate will ensure Wales moves towards a Circular Economy creating job opportunities from increased economic growth whilst improving the environment.</p>	<p data-bbox="986 237 1506 353">Working with local reprocessors to maximise income and reduce waste miles..</p>

Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below.

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	None	None	
Disability	None	None	
Gender reassignment	None	None	
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	
Race	None	None	
Religion or Belief	None	None	
Sex	None	None	
Sexual Orientation	None	None	
Welsh Language	All signage will be bilingual Welsh/English	None	

Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on important responsibilities of Corporate Parenting and safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect either of these responsibilities? For more information please see the guidance note <http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Equality%20impact%20assessment%20and%20safeguarding.docx> and for more on Monmouthshire's Corporate Parenting Strategy see <http://hub/corporatedocs/SitePages/Corporate%20Parenting%20Strategy.aspx>

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	Not applicable	None	
Corporate Parenting	The proposals do not affect individuals and thereby do not affect or impact on the Council's corporate parenting and safeguarding duties.	None	

Neighbouring Authority HWRC Provision

County	Provision	Opening		Days	Restrictions	Potential Impact
		Summer	Winter			
Forest of Dean	2 sites	S9-5	W10-4		Van permit & ID	FoD site in Hemstead is closing in December for upgrade works
Hereford	7 sites	S8-6	W8-6		Van permits, day closures	Ross on Wye site is only open 3 days per week
Powys	5 sites			M-F 9-5 SS 10-4	Van permits, each site closes 2 days per week	Brecon closed on Thursday and Friday
Blaenau Gwent	1 site			M-F 10-4.30 SS 8-4.30	Van permit, Black bag sorting	No side waste policy introduced in July and black bag sorting on HWRC
Torfaen	1 site			M-S 7.30-5.45 S 9-5.45	Van permit, Black bag sorting, No DIY waste	Introducing black bag sorting from March likely to increase tonnage from North Torfaen into Llanfoist / Usk
Newport	1 site			M-F 4.30-4.30 SS 9-4.30	Van ban, 4 black bag limit	Closed on Bank Holidays
Cardiff	2 sites	S7.30-18.30 W 9.30-18.00			Van permit, ID	Compulsory ID checks impact on Newport and VOG residents - sites closed 6 days for Xmas
Caerphilly	6 sites	S 9-5.30	W 9-4.30		Van permit, introducing ID, each site closed 1 day per week	Compulsory ID checks likely to impact Newport, Blaenau Gwent, Merthyr residents

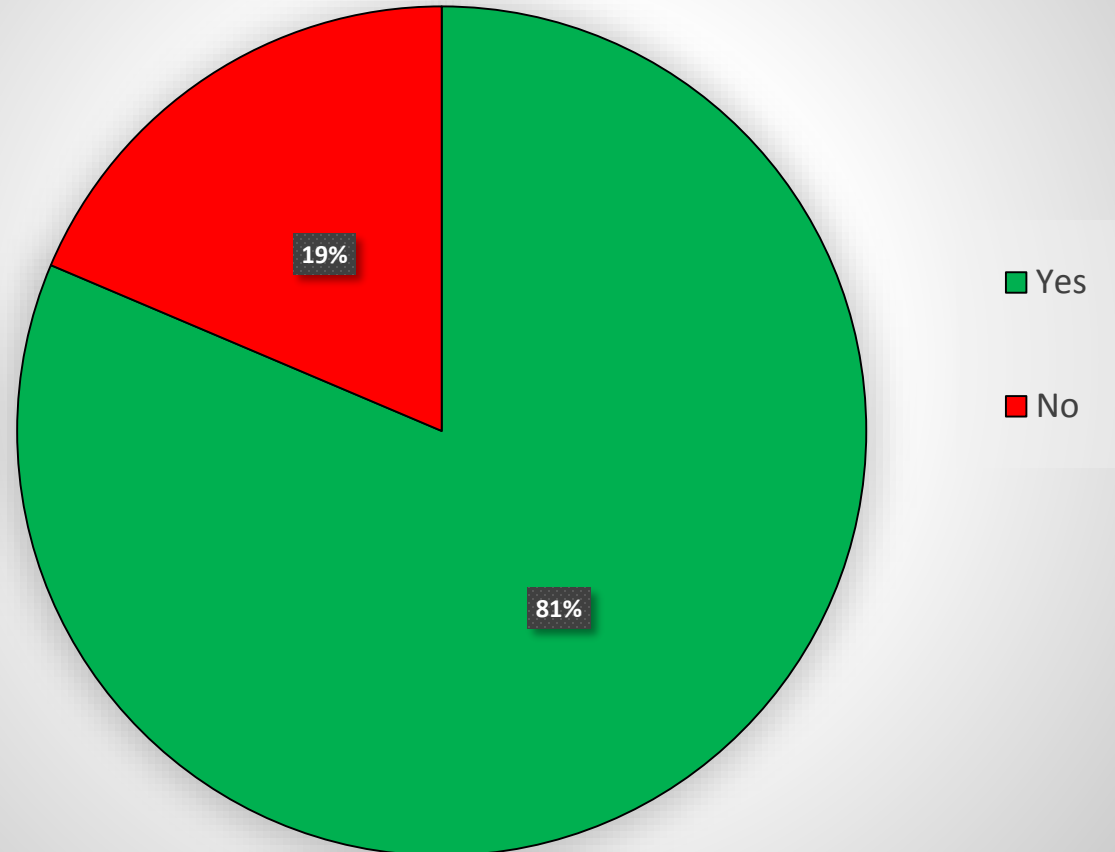
Tonnage Data for MCC sites

Site	Tonnage	Recycling rate
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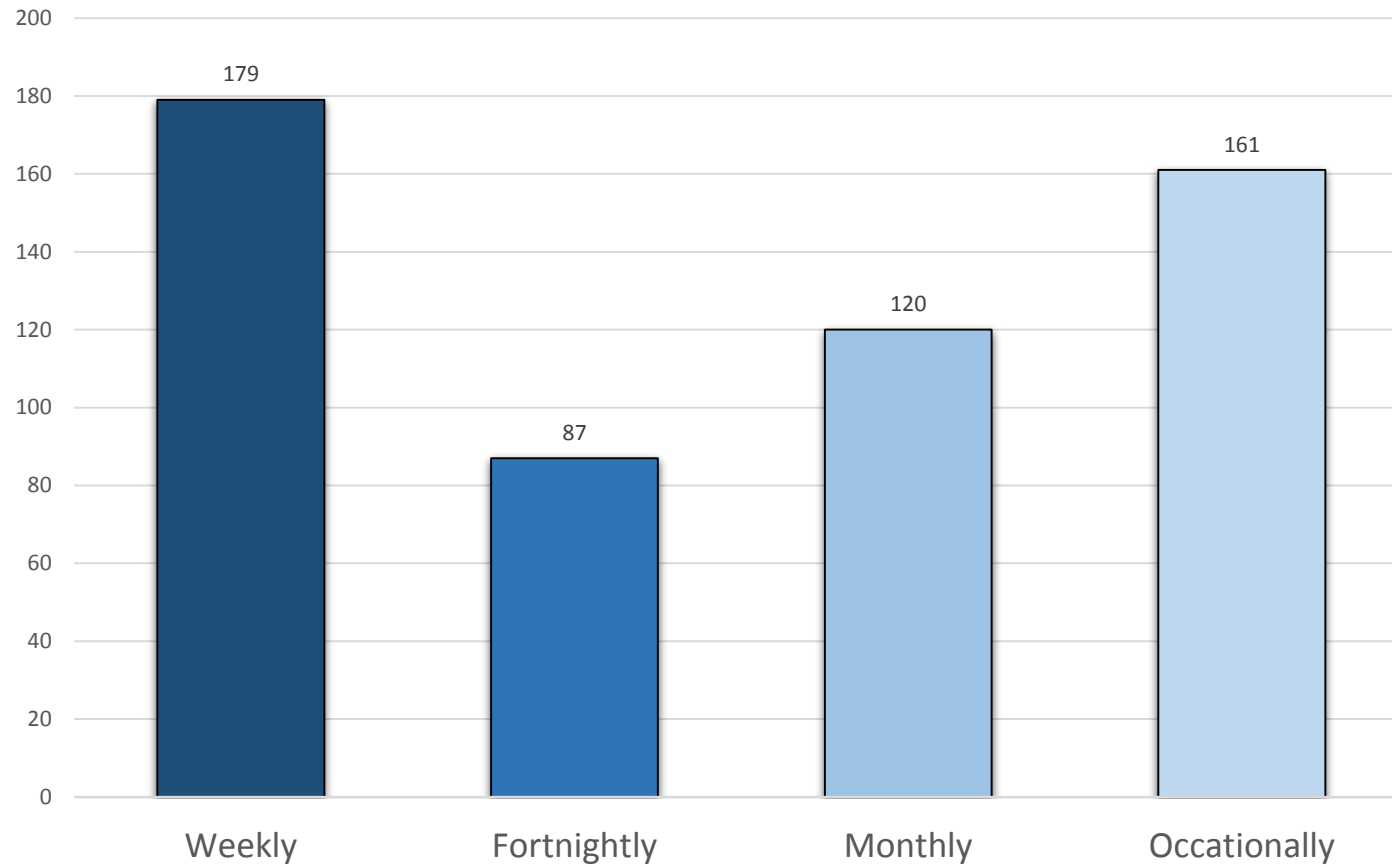
Five Lanes	7450	63%
Llanfoist	9550	68%
Mitchel Troy	3310	55%
Usk	1410	45%

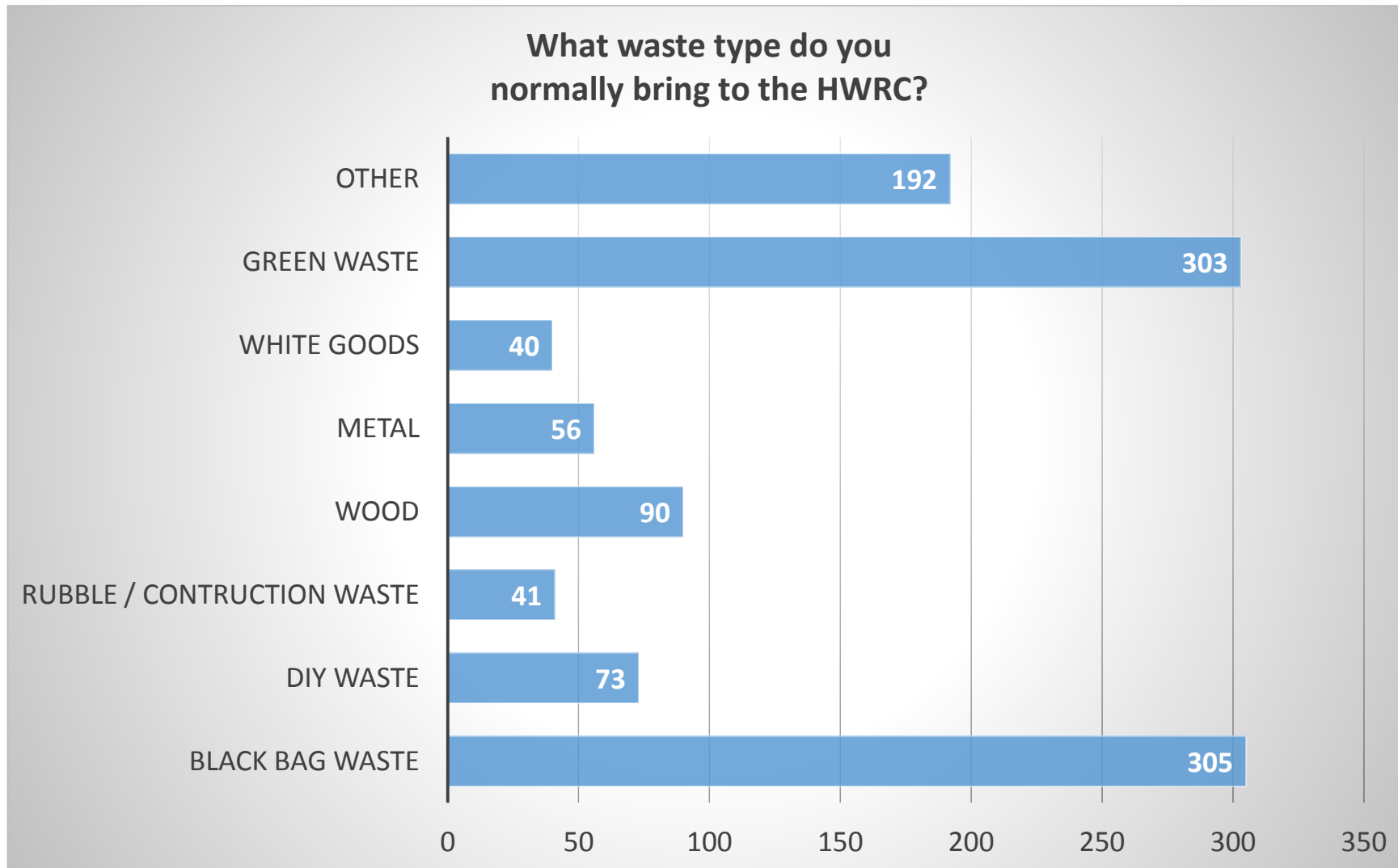
HWRC Questionnaire 2018 Results

Do you use Monmouthshire's recycling collection service?

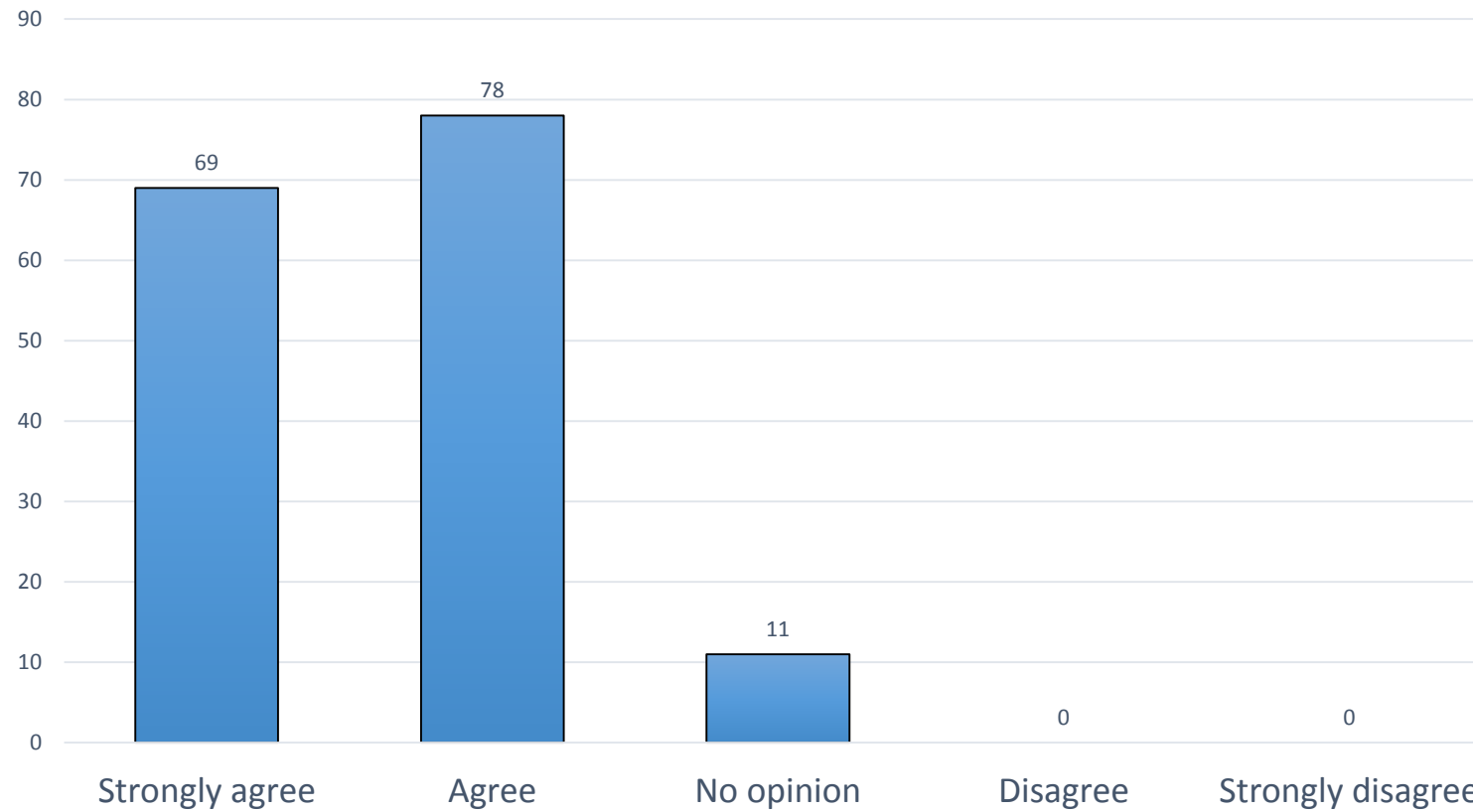


How often do you visit the recycling centre?

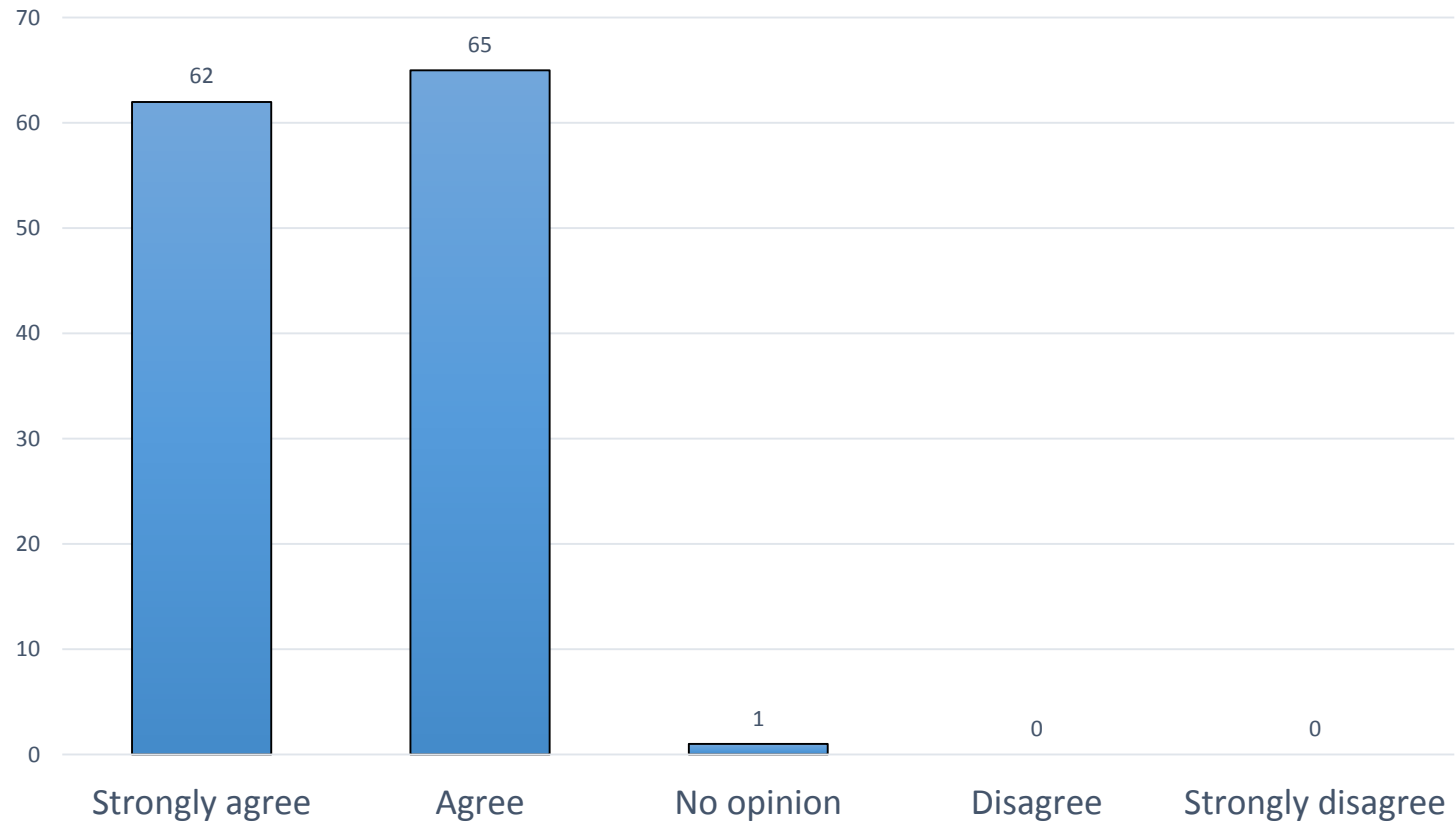


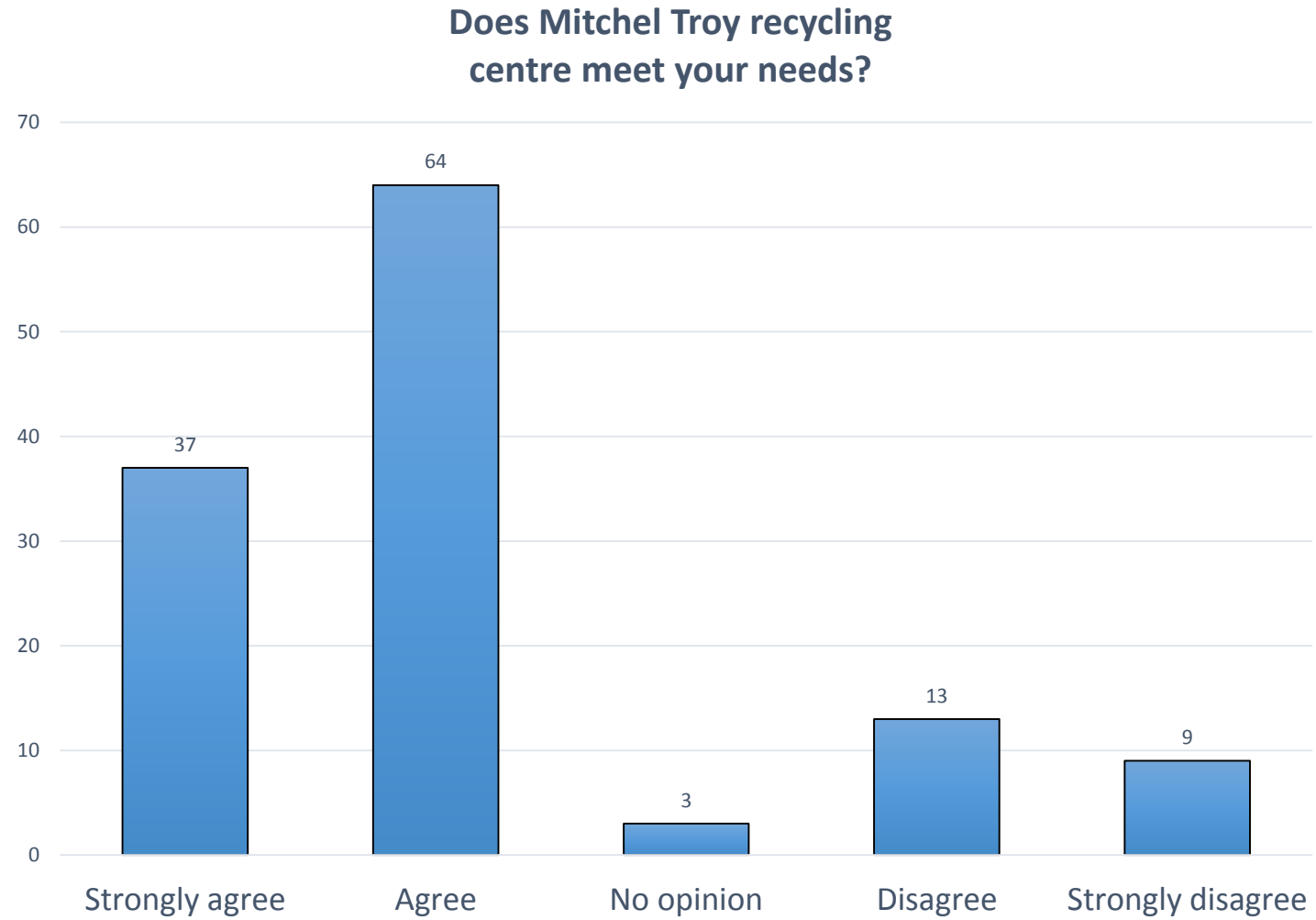


Does Five Lanes recycling centre meet your needs?

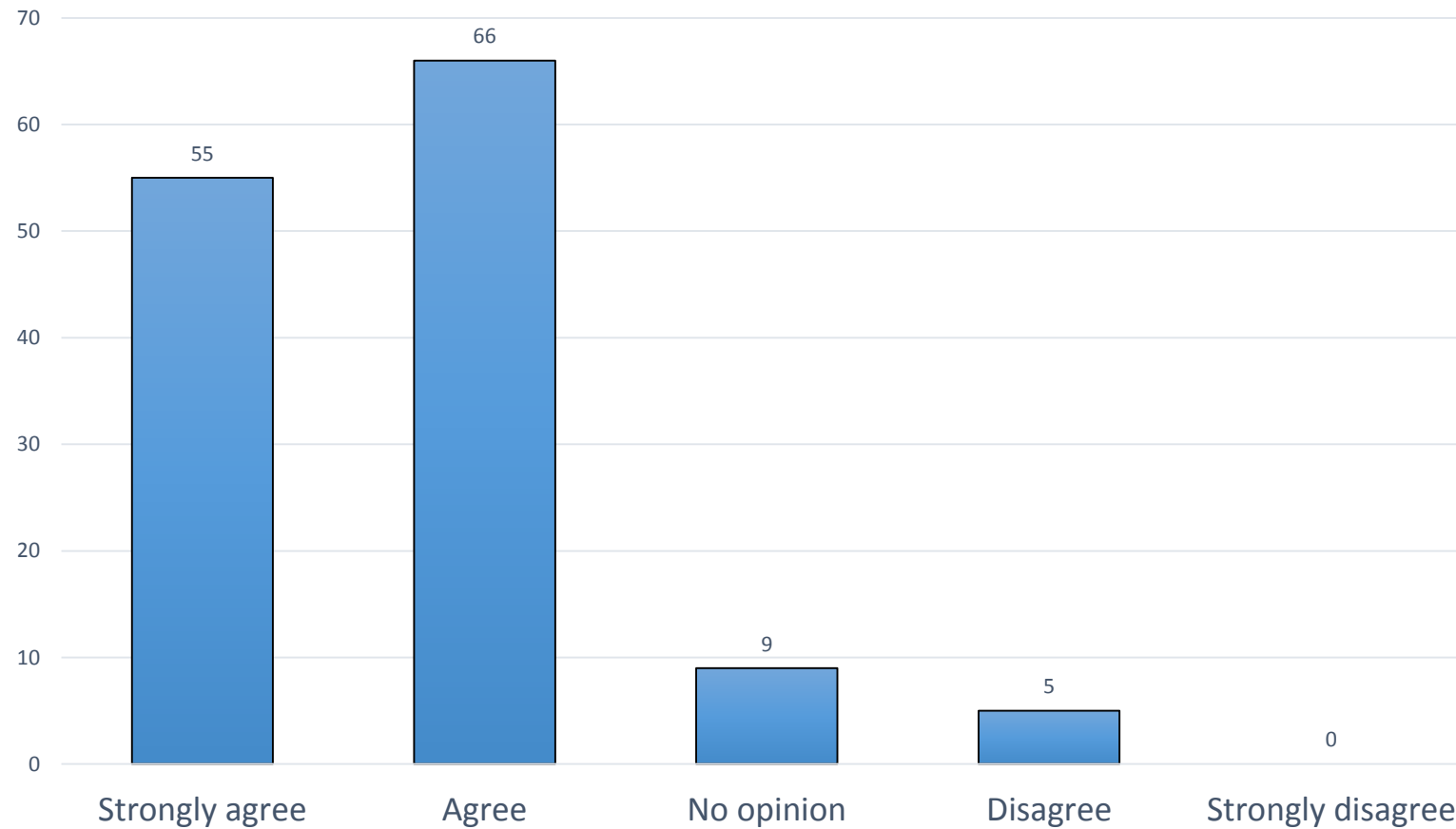


Does Llanfoist recycling centre meet your needs?





Does Usk recycling centre meet your needs?



Key themes when HWRC does not meet residents needs?

“Closes too frequently without warning.”

“Too small.”

“One operative rude.”

“Too small a site for population.”

“Site not big enough closed too frequently.”

“Generally happy but frequent closures are annoying.”

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Strong Communities Select Committee

Comments from residents on survey and
Facebook

General opinions on the survey and service

Page 26 “Green waste collection should be for 12 months.”

“The council should have some sort of badge to display in your car to prove you are a resident.”

“need to tackle people who allow dogs to mess without picking up”

“More dog waste bins.”

“Garden waste collection should be free. Council tax charges are high enough.”

“Community service used more to clean streets.”

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On rubbish collection day many resident put the bags on the neighbours or put them in the middle of the road so they can put out more than two. Please make the binmen aware and fine/investigate! Additionally large items removal are very expensive. £15 for a sofa?

"Increase the number of dog waste bins and try to empty more regularly. As a dog waste bin user, there could be more along walking routes and sometimes, they are overflowing and bags are dropped on the floor nearby. With regards to household refuse sites, I don't think reducing the hours of opening would be beneficial as people work strange hours so they currently suit most. Perhaps closing the site altogether for a certain day or two a week would be better. As far as preventing people from outside the county from using the sites, this seems counterproductive. It may encourage people to fly tip and the police/fire service/council will have an increased workload. It's all public sector money after all. "

We use the council tips more due to the decreased waste collection frequency, whilst that may be good for landfill etc more people are using their vehicles to go the tips thus increasing the pollution in the atmosphere. The system in Monmouthshire compares very favourably with other systems I am acquainted with which involve multiple bins/boxes. In terraced properties they are an absolute nightmare. Pleas please don't change the existing system.

How has Q11 got anything to do with MCC?

Deposit return schemes and the use of returnable glass bottles will help enormously in the fight against single use plastics and plastic waste.

It needs to be a sufficient box to allow for all the recycling that the bags would of held

I very much like the current recycling system and I feel that reusable bags like those currently used for green waste could lead to more litter on the streets as it is blown from the bags or dropped (accidentally) by the recycling collectors. In order to be as successful as the current scheme the reusable bags would need to be resealable to prevent litter escaping and making the litter problem worse.

"I think that the questionnaire could have gone further, considering how we might reduce waste in the first place. Charges for business recycling should be less than disposing all waste as litter. I previously worked in a bar/restaurant and was horrified that all glass bottles were thrown into general waste as the cost to recycle was greater. Instead of litter bins around the county how about recycling bins in places such as towns and parks. These should be clearly labelled with what should go in them and be next to general waste bins so that people do not feel tempted to put general waste in the recycling bins. I hope that people have lots of good ideas that can be taken forward. Reducing our waste is so important. "

Since McDonald's opened in Llanfoist the litter in Llanellen alongside the A4042 trunk road has significantly increased. I feel McDonalds should be more proactive in reducing this litter pickers etc.

I would like my black bags and nappy bags collected weekly to reduce smells etc in the hot weather through the summertime

There's no obvious way to submit the survey at the end? I'm viewing on an iPad.

"Yellow bags should be collected weekly.. its just not baby nappies there are some adults out there tgat use aswell.. "

I travel to France + Spain alot. they have a much more respect for their country. They don't drop litter.

"If there is any way the recycling centres (especially mitchel troy) can be enlarged to suit the growing population of Monmouth,, as with many in the forest of dean who have very comprehensive recycling centres for many more items, that would be beneficial."

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People running businesses from home are not necessarily paying for businessuse bags. Could this be tightened up?

"it is only worth altering services if they significantly impact budgets or support environmental ambitions. the council should not create additional work for themselves."

as a council you should be actively trying to reduce the use of single use plastic in all areas.

We pay for garden wastes bags which seem to be getting smaller and now the council will not empty all year around, what about pet owners who use this service they dont stop producing waste or hay mess for a few months of the year. Also the label holder is week and the labels fall off. Then the collectors refuse to collect. We have rang and complained that our waste was not taken not on twice or three times but nearly every month. This is not good enough.

Monmouthshire are doing an excellent job keeping the place clean, we live in a lovely county.

Any sporting events be reasonable for clearing litter on the routes after the event

"Don't forget rural residents in your considerations and the potential difficulties of taking waste to the end of the lane or drive."

We have rated a score of 2 primarily based on brown bag collection being no longer available for 12 whole months, having been reduced to a "seasonal" 8 months!

If you start issuing reusable containers many will be left in full view and become a blight on the environment. MCC can control what happens to the plastic bags used? Having spent some time in Singapore, what a lovely litter free environment!!

Garden waste should be collected for free and dog waste should be collected from the house

"There are many volunteer litter picking groups in Monmouthshire. The council should have strategies to support them. There should be a Facebook page for anti littering."

The use of reusable boxes (Wheelie Bins?) is a backward step. These are unsightly and a blight on a community and difficult to store

Good collection service

The council should also increase litter picking in and around Caldicot. Especially the central area around the village school and leisure centre and the sports fields.

Bags for garden rubbish and food boxes would last much longer if the council operatives did not throw them from the distance of their vehicles back to the residence.

A few cases of fly tipping should be selected each year to pursue forensically to make high profile prosecutions.

I found collection of yellow bags (nappies) every two weeks awful personally I have three children in nappies and storing bags so they don't attract flies maggots or vermin especially in the summer is extremely difficult these should be collected at least once a week instead of once every two weeks

I'm not sure about these questions, some would be better as 09 options not yes/no, probably gives a misleading amount of positive responses vs range of opinions

As well as reduced winter opening hours, increased opening hours in summer evenings would really help working people. Also closing at the time stated I have arrived a few times, and I know others have too, a few mins before 17.50 to find the gate closed. This is discouraging to try and recycle. I sent an email regarding this to MCC but never received a response probably would have done if the comment was public e.g. on social media!!

Green waste collection should be for 12 months.

We need wheelie bins for rubbish to be put in like most councils do MCC are behind the times with their rubbish ways

Closing or reducing hours at the HWRC's would be counterproductive and encourage fly tipping.

"I frequent Caldicot shops and notice lots of discarded packaging which implies the opportunity to educate some individuals to use litter bins and to replace litter bins that seagulls can't access and redistribute them when seeking sustenance. Maybe some attitude education at schools for lifelong respect towards our environment could be introduced into their curriculum."

It is embarrassing as a council employee to issue plastic bags which are non-recyclable in order for residents to recycle. Also food bins (blue and grey) as well as garden bags, none of which are recyclable. Customers ask if this is sensible? They ask how they can get rid of their blue food bins and garden waste bags when they are unusable. I have to advise them to dispose of them in their black bags. Hardly a good recycling solution. Garden bags are not resilient enough and customers make many complaints about these, and we also have issues with supply. At the moment we have none available in the south of the County. Customers reasonably complain that they are paying for a service which is not being provided if they are unable to obtain a serviceable bag when the one they have falls apart, disintegrates, rips or is taken away.

"Need to work with local schools on anti littering campaigns. I live near Chepstow Comprehensive and the amount of litter around the school is extremely disappointing. Also need to campaign to stop dog walkers from thinking it is OK to leave their dog mess bags hanging from bushes or just left by the path rather than put in a dog mess bin"

There is also a need for more signage encouraging people not to litter. We need both positive and negative incentives not to litter and regular campaigns to highlight problems. It is important to work closely with local voluntary groups. It will also be important to ensure that there are sufficient accessible litter bins and that these are emptied regularly especially at weekends. It is likely to be most cost effective to support efforts to reduce littering in the first place than to send large amounts on clearing it up once it has been dropped.

Residents need clearer information regarding what plastics can and cannot be recycled. Packaging often says 'refer to local recycling services' to find out whether a given product is recyclable. This is particularly the case with food packaging which makes up most of the material recycled in our household. Also, some guidance on how clean packaging needs to be for example, ready meal packaging can be very soiled when emptied can it just be lightly rinsed or does it need a thorough cleaning. Soiling could encourage vermin.

Wheelie bins like the cities have. Apart from that a pretty good service.

We have a van with no sign writing on it but am not allowed into the Tip without authority from Council annoying when we want to bring black bags of household rubbish if we have missed the street collection and the smelly bags have to go in the car make it easier for vans to access Tip would maybe reduce the fly tipping

"Closing sites or reducing hours/days would lead to more dumping. People need easy access to HWRC to encourage them to throw away responsibly especially things such as batteries, metal, wood etc. I understand the issue with single use bags but the alternatives I've seen are not as easy to use and therefore will be used less. Can the bags be biodegradable?"

Reusable bags and boxes not good as they spend all day outside with people at work etc unable to bring them in, many go missing. One use bags leave street clean and tidy as soon as they are collected. Litter fines should be given using a dose of common sense, not handed out for errors, accidental drops etc. Would be nice if collectors could return food waste boxes (and green waste bags) to correct house and tidily, not thrown down anywhere, often blocking pavements.

Talks should be given in schools to start children on the right path from the beginning, and in libraries and community centres to educate the adults

What are the Council doing about flytipping in the Monmouthshire region as this seems a continual problem

re qn9 I'm unsure as I'm not sure how easy it is to catch people in the act and whether the resources involved would be cost effective.

The council can not afford the cost of policing litter dropping or parking now so in the future there will be further deterioration on these matters with less cash to address the costs.

Litter has always been a problem in chepstow.

"the cost of the green waste permits is disgraceful!! especially when the food waste goes in with it for free! why do the red and purple bags get smashed up together? is there any actual point separating it?? "

You've got to educate kids. They're the ones who head to school already clutching a single use plastic bottle of something fizzy (hello obesity!). They are young enough to change.

Monmouth has an excellent approach to recycling but I do wonder if we need more information about what happens to the material is it all recycled or is some sent to landfill as it is not possible to sort or isn't economic to recycle.

Information like this would help people to understand the cost of handling our waste.

"If a spouse or dependant has use of a family car, then they should be responsible for litter thrown from that vehicle."

A national deposit return scheme should be funded by central UK government, to prevent one county council paying out for litter collected in an adjacent county.

if you close council dumps or reduce hours people will dump rubbish all over monmouthshire costing more to clean it up in the long run

"As an active LitterPicker in the village of St Arvans, I would expect to see more support from the Council, for example we have to fund our own LitterPicker's insurance to protect us from possible injury while out litter picking. At least the Council should as a minimum cover our insurance after all we are giving a voluntary service to the Community and the Council. Regards a St Arvans Resident"

Restricting the available recycling facilities may lead to more fly tipping and littering. Monmouthshire residents probably also use household recycling centres in other nearby councils e.g. Torfaen, so unless Torfaen start restricting access to non residents then I don't think Monmouthshire should. People living at the edges of the council boundary may find it easier to use a nearby council recycling centre in another council area.

In terms of the waste recycling centres it would be a huge shame if hours were reduced from 5.30pm as then working people can't attend, but the morning or mid day could be reduced.

Monmouth site is frequently unavailable due to temp closure. I visit during the week, and would hate to worsen already long weekend queues.

"The design of Five Lanes centre only allows a small number of vehicles to unload at a time, causing a significant tailback at popular times. This could be offsetting to some which could result in landfill rather than recycling. Could the site be better organised, without enormous cost and disruption, to make it more efficient? You mention about improving the quality of recycling materials but we have still a long way to go regarding plastics. We need to restrict the variety of plastics used in packaging, to help sorting and thus recycling rates. As a county I don't know how we can do this as legislation is really needed at a national level."

More litter bins are required, please. One in Larkfield ward removed (St Lawrence Rd, nr High Beech roundabout) We need one on the A48 by the bus stop next to Larkfield Garage, heading west. The steps by the alleyway there are always messy and the adjacent land is also littered. I do remove rubbish periodically but a bin could help provided it's emptied on a regular basis.

restricting the use of the tip further will only increase fly tipping.

Who made this questionnaire? I've never felt so, pushed, limited, gagged..... Jog On..... Next....." I strongly believe restricted access or hours at the tip would simply cause more fly tipping. If people have travelled to the site with their rubbish (especially from other counties) is it unlikely they're going to simply return home and try again another time. It is far more likely they will drop it somewhere else, especially if it is inside the vehicle and is household waste or similar. Nobody would want to either unload it again to reload tomorrow or leave it stinking out the car overnight.

Litter in public places needs to be addressed. Chepstow town and it's surrounding areas are unclean. We need seagull proof recycling bins on the streets and more frequent litter picking. The town needs a good clean up.

Dog bins and bins need to be emptied more often doesn't encourage people to clear up

I have a dog so more dog poo bins would be handy.

very difficult to stop non res using the local tips for i would rather them use the tips than fly tip

The B4293 from Monmouth to Trellech should be policed for litter bugs. It's so sad to see mess on such a beautiful road. Great would be the police taking action

need to tackle people who allow dogs to mess without picking up and issue fines

A tax should be put on takeaway & fast food restaurants to cover litter collection costs. Much of the litter found is from these places

Littering is the biggest problem and council need to enforce penalties

The Council is stopping the garden waste collections during the winter so it would be wrong to reduce the opening time of the recycling centres, also. Much of our garden waste during the winter is made up of leaves from trees on Council land. I would have to stop clearing them up if there was no way I could sustainably dispose of them. I am sure I'm not alone in this. There would, therefore, need to be more road sweeping to stop them blocking drains, etc.

"I feel people could litter pick to claim benefits. I have two jobs and pick up plastic litter around my house."

But how would this be policed without people being given abuse.

"Need to supply residents with more facilities for black bags as only collected every 2 weeks .Garden waste should be free due to high council tax paid? Also would stop residents dumping garden waste."

Monmouthshire is a dirty, scruffy, untidy county, especially in the south of the area. It astounds me on a daily basis, especially when the grass coverage dies back in the winter, how the county manages have one of the tattiest areas of land immediately outside its own depot and offices on J23 of the M4. What has happened to the ability to litter pick and tidy up roadside verges both in the sense of litter and grass/weeds. Do Council staff have no pride in the areas outside their offices?

"Increase number of bins and frequency of collection. Bins in the Danes (Chepstow) are constantly full. Lack of dog waste bins throughout the estate. "

The dog waste collection bins in our area are often full to overflowing. Could they be larger? There is a temptation to suggest that litter bins should be more prominent/obvious but that could be seen as spoiling the general feeling of an area if attention is drawn to the bins. Also the people who do not use them now are unlikely to do so just because they are more colourful/noticeable.

HWRC We would not object to the Usk HWRC being closed 2 days per week BUT not on Fridays or weekends

We have no litter bin in our village (Llandogo) so people drop wrappers and cans etc not just thrown from cars but there is nowhere to put the litter if I see it unless I am on my way home

"Dog mess needs addressing. Also need to know if recycling really is happening or does it all end up in landfill regardless! "

The companies that are found to be the source of the litter should also have some responsibility. Fast food outlets should actively promote responsible disposal e.g advertising, on packaging, signs on the drive through and in store.

Bring back weekly collections for black bags and yellow. or increase the 2 bag limit. As a non drive getting to a waste recycling centre is a nightmare. An im to nervous to pay man with a van types incase the end up fly tipping

"If waste recycling centres are closed or have reduces hours, this will automatically increase littering and fly tipping. I understand that Newport City Council has reduced its recycling centre services, if so, they should be persuaded in some way to review this decision as it is bound to drive their residents to use the Monmouthshire centres. Although Monmouthshire is a beautiful county the verges are left neglected and unkempt which, I believe, adds to the littering problem. People think that if it's untidy anyway, the litter won't make any difference. Also if litter pickers were planned to come round immediately after the verges were cut much of the litter thrown out from the verges would be collected."

Very disappointed with the household recycling centre closing so frequently. 1 day went 4 times before I found it open I am sure that this will encourage fly tipping. More consideration should be given to the people using it and also the staff who have to fend of the irate public

I believe reducing opening hours for recycle centres would increase fly tipping.

There is no excuse for littering

Re HWRCs, I haven't used them because I don't drive but a I do have an everincreasing collection of small electrical items for recycling that I don't know what to do with (cables, toaster, etc.): perhaps they could also be collected?

"community service used more to clean streets. roads, "

some litter bins are not emptied, especially those on the coastal footpath in Chepstow, my husband regularly empties them while picking up litter through the woods from Chepstow to Bulwark

More bins and more frequent litter patrols in town centres, at visitor attractions and near bus and rail stations.

Don't restrict access to the tips, we always produce more than 2 bags of rubbish a fortnight regardless of how much we recycle so need to do trip runs regularly.

Whatever is done to reduce littering, it should be based on the best evidence of what works.

"As a Chepstow resident I am aware of a lot of friends who live over the border who use five lanes in Caerwent as their local tip as it is so much further to go in Gloucestershire no one ever checks! Would also like to see a lot more done to encourage cloth nappies Monmouthshire's incentive scheme is terrible compared to other councils Reducing plastic waste is such a hot topic, many young people now seem to want to do it but as we seem to have skipped a generation in this and things have become so much easier people are scared of what they don't know. info given to prenatal women and perhaps some kind of way people can see nappies and learn about it, i think there would be a good uptake. Think this may work better than voucher scheme especially as the company you seem intent on using doesn't seem to sell any cloth nappies!!!! (Unless you have changed recently apologies if you have) "

Shops should also be responsible for litter dropped around their sites

Make the nappy bags bigger again. Also have weekly nappy collections. I pay a ridiculously high council tax to store my own rubbish or take it to the recycling centre myself!

i think more bins on streets

Separate black plastics. Encourage use of biodegradable plastics.

Very unhappy that green waste will not be collected during winter months. Feel that as long as you are residing in Monmouthshire you should be free to use any waste site.

There are certain areas of Abergavenny where littering and dog mess are at very high levels, e.g footpath between old station Surgery & Old Hereford Road traffic lights (with Avenue Road) and between ysgyborwen and road below (near Llwynu Road). Provision of notices, bins for dog poo bags and additional rubbish bins, that are emptied would be invaluable, as well as more frequent cleaning and clearing

I think that general waste and yellow bags should be collected every week instead of every other week. the nappies start to smell in the yellow bags which attract pesky flies. this also applies with the general waste.

DOG FOULING NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED FINE FINE and FINE.

Maybe the Councils could work with the fast food chains to market a self-recycling packaging on fast food cartons which would help litter

I think recycling is very important, however I feel very disappointed when the people employed to do the collections are careless. Frequently green waste is left on the road after emptying the brown bags. On 4 occasions this year my food waste box has not been emptied. The service providers should be encouraged to have pride in their work.

By closing services this will only create on going costs in the future. paying for cleaning up after fly tipping etc . On one note you want to promote keeping monmouthshire litter free and on the other you want to alter recycling centers opening hours where people need to dispose of waste, this does not add up to me, it's not rocket science.

Given that the garden waste collection has been reduced in the winter we would be using the recycling centres more at that time instead. The centres are very busy at weekends (often long queues in Monmouth) so we make a deliberate effort to go in the week when it is slightly quieter. It would be very frustrating if the availability was reduced significantly and would, we think, encourage some people to fly tip.

as stated before, one bag for paper, card, cans bottles etc.

I think that people who drop litter should be made to do community service hours picking up litter as well as being fined. I also have problems taking big items to tip. I have friends who have vans who would gladly take them for me but they have commercial van insurance. I think you should just require the name and address of the person whose refuse it is and what sort of items. Then I would be able to get someone to take my stuff to the tip for me.

Road signs with a litter penalty warning to be placed at intervals on all roads. If you reduce the opening hours/days and restrict the recycling centres to residents only you will add to illegal waste dumping. Fines for illegal waste dumping to be increased.

"With regard to reusable plastic boxes one only has to look at neighbouring authorities to see what a failure they are. They get wet, dirty and lids disappear and fly all over the place. Older residents, especially find them very difficult to manage. The present system works. Please do not change it. We should have more HWRCs as there is a demand for them and they help to reduce fly tipping which is a huge problem in Monmouthshire. Please listen to common sense views of the County's residents!!"

Fly tipping is the problem that needs dealing with forcefully

I would like to see a service for elderly disable people who can't Get to the tip some people can't afford the prices they charge for taking large items And people living on there own can't left heavy thing Be nice to have some thing one a mouth ore four nightly Boxes would be better than bags becats the animals still rip bags open thank you

The recycling facility at Mitchel Troy is severely limited in access because of collection vehicles arriving, loading and departing. This can entail a wait of forty minutes which is not satisfactory.

Recycling centre needed nearer to Chepstow than Abergavenny, Monmouth and Five Lanes

It would be useful to have more local information/updates on what can & cannot be be recycled as media info. seems to be different for different council areas , eg recycling of black plastic & various different types of food containers.

There appear to be two problems. One that people do not think about what they are doing. This needs education starting in schools. The second is that people see it as difficult or expensive to get rid of waste correctly and so dump it. Often what is dumped could be freely deposited at a council site. Therefore is needs to be seen that it is convenient and free to low cost to get rid of waste correctly. Otherwise we all pay the costs associated with litter and dumping

I think, to reduce littering, there needs to be some form of control and penalty. At the moment it seems that volunteers pick up most litter. Those that litter carry on doing it. Sometimes I see items thrown from cars on the road and feel helpless. The litter on the roadside is shocking. Littering is a big issue. What happens in other countries? Germany seems much cleaner than in this country.

I organise an annual community event and this year borrowed the MCC recycling equipment (wheelie bins, signs etc) to encourage more recycling at the event and manage waste /litter more professionally. This was successful and is an excellent initiative on the part of MCC that should be expanded and promoted as widely as possible. I shall be using it again.

Either have one recycle box/wheelie bin or have dust carts capable of keeping the red and purple separate. Not helping sending mixed messages.

On the whole I think the current system works well. I would prefer to have wheely bins or boxes for the recycling, the only caveat being how heavy they can get. Perhaps a strong biodegradable bag would be better than plastic.

Reusable bags will become dirty over time and unhygienic.

If you stop non residents using local recycling facilities, there will be more fly tipping, which is already a problem from antisocial people, especially in rural areas. A facility for delivering the odd spent tyre at recycling centres may stop them appearing in local hedges! I think a lot of people may stop recycling, if they had to pay, or pay much for bags. Council does a good job overall, bar need for Litter bins on roads.

I do not think that local recycling centres should be restricted to residents I think everyone should be encouraged to use them as it reduces potential for fly tipping and although I appreciate that councils do not get the benefit of direct rates payments from non residents in fact this is a service that we should think more globally about than just local budgets. If it helps Monmouthshire to hit recycling targets and reduces the amount of litter dumped in the countryside that local champions then have to clear up then everyone should be encouraged to use them.

More dog waste bins.

Really good staff in Usk, thanks

"reducing winter opening hours is ok, but look to open later in the morning, especially during the week. people are more likely to go after work in the evenings and during the day at the weekend. saturday should have the longest opening hours. the sites are very well run, and the staff have always been excellent. something like the introduction of dustbins wont add any value. the danger of introducing a single sized reusable box/bag is that different households have different requirements once full people could dispose of recyclable materials in the general waste. does the disposable bag have to be made from single use plastic? the system works really well at the moment so please really consider the impact of any changes, and the human factors aspect which may set you back against your recycling targets. information on when bin collections occur would be really useful, ive never had anything through my door, i never know which week is what and take my reminders from when my neighbours put theirs out to see whats going. not essential if expensive, but nice to have. "

"I live in a rush area (Kilgwrwg) and litter pick the mile of verges in both directions from my house a couple of times a year as the council has other priorities. It might be helpful to encourage other people to do this too. The latst green waste bags are of poor quality, and rather than lasting several years, I'm having to replace them every few months. I worry about the cost to the council. Overall, I think the council does an excellent job on waste management in difficult economic times"

We need bins on the street especially to McDonald's waste being strewn, there are no bins anywhere near here (Llanfoist)

"Can recycling polythene be looked at"

Reduction in opening times could lead to increased fly tipping. Five lanes is always busy.

"Garden waste collection should be free. Council tax charges are high enough. "

We have used the Forest of Dean facility in the past when Troy took more restricted waste and Abergavenny is less convenient. Restricting outsiders could lead to more fly tipping which is a blight in the countryside

I have been a champion litter pick for a few years and I enjoy giving something back to my community. I hope I inspire someone else to take a pick up! Once every two weeks, for half an hour I o my home circuit but I am sure there are others out there doing morež"2589800

I do feel that the £18 paid for garden waste should allow up to 2 bags per week, especially as the fee does not cover a full 12 months. I am proud that Monmouthshire is not littered with reusable bins and always looks tidy except for bin days. Newport looks terrible with bins out everywhere.

More keep Wales tidy signs and more campaigns regarding waste.

Thank you, I do believe we have an excellent service in Monmouthshire, I only believe it could be improved by having wheelie bins, not a complaint just a suggestion. Look tidier, no need for bags, and less chance for bags to be ripped.

A cAmpagn is not necessary the public aren't stupid spend the finds on something worth while

I feel very strongly about weekly collections, the amount of fly tipping is awful to witness. I am ashamed about our country. I saw a fat the other day. Never ever have I seen one. The community tax goes up all the time. My husband takes our rubbish to the refuse dept, we don't see the police any more. Our lights in the streets go out at night. No I am not happy about the decline in all our services.

Fly tipping is an issue in my area. I think this is mainly because small companies cannot afford to pay the rate for wast disposal. This needs to be reviewed and perhaps revised so that waste disposal by small companies is more affordable

Need more clarity on precisely which plastic can or cannot be recycled.

If HWRCS are closed, I am concerned that it could lead to more fly tipping/dumping of waste

"It seems as though your questions are leading questions, ie you're expecting or motivating certain responses. What are you asking???'I'd appreciate a nonbiased questionnaire based on need and environmental impact of certain recycling options: town and country are different. Could we look at French/ Italianstyle 'poubelles' for our rural areas?Also to add that our rural collectors are great but we'd appreciate it if they drove slower through the lanes.Thank you."

more wholistic approach to HWRC poor service from current contractors. MCC should be profiting from waste streams which are currently co mingled and contminated devaluing their worth. Priority is to replace plastic not find methods to recycle it..

This needed far more explanation of how any of this would be achieved. The biggest move would be for the Assembly to say no more shops at petrol stations selling disposable food packaging full of junk food that is unhealthy to eat, and also no more drive thru food outlets (same reason) since that is the primary source of rubbish on the roadsides and then set about a massive publicity campaign to make everyone aware of the appalling level of waste around our roads. We shouldn't waste peole time picking up litter, just leave it until it is a threat to safety on the roads or it becomes so visually dreadful that no member of the public could avoid seeing it.

The recycle centre at Mitchel Troy needs to be managed better, it can be closed adhoc up to four times a day for up to an hour each time. The should be set times if this needs to be done rather than anytime they feel. Also people working there could be more helpful at times

"Not enough collections for black bag refuse.Once a fortnight ridiculous.How can old people get to dispoal centre for excess refuse"

It is shocking how much rubbish people throw out of cars. As there areno cameras on all roads and impissible to monitor littering vehicles by employers of the council, there should be some kind of system that people could report cases that they witness. It would make people think as they would never know if anyone is watching. as thesekind of people do not care at all about their environment but would care about their pocket.

"I believe that sorted recycling is possibly better than mixed. There should be collection points at the recycling centres for the purple and red bags.The council should publish what actually happens with the mixed recycling, where does it go for sorting, who actually deals with our waste.I also strongly object to not having a kerbside collection for recycling, having to make special car trips to take it to a collection point. I would like to know how efficient the whole system is"

More proactive info on what should and should go in purple bags. What about tetrapaks with plastic nozzles? Can they go in red bags? So difficult to know all this and we want to recycle as well as possible. How about rewards for good recyclers?

"I think Deposit Return Schemes should be funded and run by manufacturers and retail outlets. The Council should not spend limited funds on educating people regarding litter. Fast Food outlets, retail outlets, etc should help with this and schools and colleges etc could also run campaigns to educate. On the Spot fines should be given for littering and dog fouling. "

"When Changing any form of a system that is working, the council needs to ensure it is suitable for ALL persons and households. Those that are more elderly or do not have anywhere to store a plastic box will likely reduce the amount they recycle as they are unable to deal with the system suitably. See past history of other councils within South Wales and changes to their systems which people could not get into or through their homes. They also begin to smell when water stays put and have no easy method of cleaning. Drain holes are not the answer as it never fully works. The current bag system is ideal from a recycling perspective but the single use plastics is a problem. Could the plastics be changed to something that is more biodegradable or made from something more natural that will break down and reduce back to nature quicker and in the right conditions. The current system allows those that are less able and without carers to take their own recycling out in as many bags as required. "

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I think there should be more dog waste bins available, that would encourage more people to use them and pick up poo.

support for 'stick and flick' for dog poo in countryside rather than horrid plastic bags and unsightly and stinky red bins everywhere.

Garden waste collection should not incur an additional charge

I'd like to see more bins around Bulwark and Chepstow thus reducing the amount of litter on our streets. Also, why do we have two different coloured bags for the recycling when it's collected in the same truck then taken to a recycling centre where it all becomes mixed ?

I would like to see a more aggressive line taken against fly tippers.

i strongly agree that fines should be issued. a deposit scheme would reduce littering

Really disappointed that green waste not collected in winter. Even if it was once a month it would save it going to landfill.

"1. recycling of hard plastics is possible in uk. MCC should place the appropriate contract2. replacement of plastic food packaging with biodegradables is possible & feasible. MCC should have a policy and take action3. storage space or materials for recycling in modern houses is grossly inadequate. Planning policy should require that new build housing should make adequate provision for recycling storage.4. Dog waste is an issue not confined to towns. It is grossly unfair that rural communities are not included in council contracts for the removal of dog waste and cannot get any commercial supplier of services to collect.5. More information is required about what you mean by reusable plastic bags/boxes. How big might they be; do the boxes have lids; are the boxes stackable; how do you keep reusable bags clean; are there containers/frames for the bags. The answers to the questions would have a great deal more validity if these parameters were known. What exactly are the alternative proposals to the system that we all have actual day to day experience of?"

The council should have some sort of badge to display in your car to prove you are a resident.(hwrc)

"Overall happy with waste collection however fortnightly nappy collections are terrible. In the hot summer months I have 2 weeks worth of soiled, stinky nappies hanging around and this year I found rats in the nappy bin. It's a health hazard. I think reusable plastic bags might be ok for papers but not for plastics and tins. They aren't as easy to clean as boxes would be and therefore unhygienic. If you do switch to plastic boxes however, where would that leave me as would I need to have 7 of them hanging around (because that's how many recycling bags I put out a week)? More information would need to be given. Thank you"

Nappy bag collections would be much better if they were each week. With two in nappies it's really hard having to store them for up to two weeks before collections. That said the smaller bags are now much better but take up so much room.

Community run litter picking encouraged. Awareness of litter issues and education are key to reduction

"Litter is an eyesore, making places unpleasant to live in and a danger to children and to health, but I appreciate that councils are short of money to employ more collectors. Would it be possible to consider making householders responsible for keeping the outside of their properties free of litter? I do foresee lots of problems elderly/disabled householders, blocks of flats, health and safety for example, but it may be worth thinking about. There are some notorious litter spots, in this area the rivers in Bailey Park, the cutthrough between Park Crescent and Ysguborwen. Would they be worth identifying and solutions devised? In the latter, quantities of litter have been pushed through wire netting and it would be impossible for litter pickers to get at it;; in addition, there is no litter bin. . "

Lack of maintenance of verges and green spaces reduces pride in area and therefore increases litter. Community maintenance schemes need to be actively encouraged.

"8. This simply requires police/pcso's on the street to do both litter and parking violations. 9. This only works if the person is seen dropping the litter. 10. Supermarkets and shops should be responsible for deposit schemes NOT the council. 11. Yes, but who is going to see those who throw litter at night, in laybys and car parks and who is going to chase and impose fines for littering from a vehicle. A better scheme would be to bring back more street cleaners who work all day around the town and parks. Cars being parked on alternate sides of the street for efficient street cleaning by the small vehicles who often drive past but collect no litter. Supermarkets being responsible for cleaning their own car parks and the road and pavements surrounding them. One very appalling littering situation is around the services at Raglan alongside the A40. The car park and verges are disgusting. When staying in Penyclwd recently for 2 weeks and driving on most days out through the car park I took note of a half empty coke bottle on the kerb. It remained there day after day. The services are a disgrace. Euro Garages/Services need to be held accountable."

The by pass in raglan should have litter picked once a month

Monmouthshire C.C are not active enough in enforcement in regards to littering and dog fouling. We need a visible presence to deter both activities. Please employ self funding enforcers.

The businesses selling take away food and drinks should be required to collect their waste [or at least pay for collection].

"Our towns are visited by many tourists especially at weekends in summer, yet bins are not emptied at weekends. By Monday they are overflowing and unsightly. We depend a lot on tourists but they won't return to a scruffy town which is how our towns look by the end of Sunday, no bins emptied and no streets cleaned. On another point, the Mitchel Troy site seems to be closed more than it is open, an open invitation to some people to fly tip. Finally, why is there no provision for recycling large plastic items, e.g. garden chairs, at the tips?"

Encourage ways to reduce and recycle more single use plastic!

"Please can you ask the binmen to not chuck the blue food bucket up the drive when they have emptied it. I have had three replacements already. This is more expence."

Dog fouling questions need to be added. Along with having poo bags on the bins, more dog bins and normal waste bins more readily available.

We are litter pickers for our area and are quite ashamed at what we see and find especially on the A48 and around Chepstow town centre.

HWRC in Mitcheltroy is too small to serve a town the size of Monmouth. It is frequently closed at random times for up to an hour for bin changing. Could a fixed time be instigated for bin changing? A bigger site could allow more bins and bin changing without closing the site.

the area around public secondary schools especially in Abergavenny is heavily littered, pupils should be made to keep this area tidy on a regular basis

As brown bags are not being collected for winter months in our area, I know I will be using Five Lanes more often for garden waste, eg pruning trees after fruiting.

Education about litter prevention needs introducing in schools and the continually reinforced about why it is in everyone's interests.

We organise litter picks. maybe offenders who drop litter, fly tip, should also be made to assist, as well as being fined.

"Re HWRC: Reducing hours in Winter is a good idea but MCC should ensure that this is widely publicised in the local paper, on library notice boards, not just the My Monmouthshire App. Again, reducing the number of days a site is open has to be widely publicised. If it isn't some people will just get annoyed that the HWRC is not open and flytip their stuff. Sites should not be closed, if at all possible. People will not travel distances to get rid of their rubbish.

This will lead to increased flytipping. Nonresidents should not be allowed to use the HWRC without paying. A robust system of proving you are a resident would need to be introduced and enforced. Cleansing and Litter how would a fixed penalty notice be enforced? If it can't be robustly and simply enforced every single time someone is caught, then why bother? It will become a waste of MCC funds."

empty public bins more often to stop overflow of rubbish

When I got home last week after the bins had been collected there was a black bag left just up the road from my house where there isn't a house (not sure when it was left there) but it could have been collected by the bin men

Dog bins need to be emptied more often so bags are not left hanging in trees etc. More attention needs to be given on country lanes for littering.

Encourage more use of real nappies

I would suggest garden waste collection bags are free we already pay a lot of council tax and these additional charges are unfair and in some cases unaffordable

Please keep single use bag recycling as at present or go to a single wheelie bin for all mixed recycling.

Seagulls are a problem tearing open bags in Chepstow town and occasionally on some estates

Reusable items should be available for collection from the dump, as an alternative to going to landfill. At present it is not possible to take anything away, whatever its condition.

The Mitchel Troy HWC is much too small it's closed far too often for lorry work. I live down a narrow deadend lane and do not have a rubbish collection I have to take my waste to the nearest pickup point (which is too far, too early in the morning for me) or to the HWC, so its opening facilities and times are particularly important to me. Now the Council don't keep roadsalt at that depot, why can't the HWC use more of the site?

"Please note, as a flat dweller with a MINISCULE kitchen and NO outdoors space such as a garden or yard, I like many others have no way of keeping boxes or cleaning out reusable bags at home. PLEASE keep that in mind. If you start making us use boxes, I for one will be forced to sneak rubbish out into the public bins. It would be preferable if you used RECYCLABLE collection bags. While I normally use about half a bag, some weeks I use a whole bag. (This is what I wrote further up also duplicated it here in case you missed it.) PLUS I do not drive so to reach Mitchel Troy I would either have to walk not very feasible for more than a couple of very small items or beg a lift from someone else who may not be Monmouthshire resident eg my mother. Therefore, how will you check residency? I URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THAT NOT EVERYONE LIVES IN A NICE SEMI WITH A BIG KITCHEN, UTILITY ROOMS, GARDENS, YARDS AND 2 CARS EACH."

I think bin men should pick up any litter that falls out of waste bags instead of leaving it on the street

I find the plastic pink and purple binbags very inconvenient. whoever thought these colours were helpful when sorting paper and plastic are mistaken! (even if you call them 'red' bags!) Yellow bags for nappies very difficult too. in hot weather these ended up with maggots. if you have more than one child in nappies, theres a lot of waste outside house however you try to store for a fortnight a health hazard. Surely, wheelie bins and boxes are more hygenic for recycling overall? however much you try to rinse recycling which is, in itself, counter intuitive?! Broken green waste bags by bin men dragging then with one handle not ideal either nor bags getting blown away in the street.

Our streets are filthy, they should be swept much more often

"I applaud this questionnaire and the fact that MCC do make a real effort on recycling, despite hostile financial pressures from Westminster. Fly tipping is a real menace but very hard to police because a lot of it happens at night in remote places. Perhaps there could be a reward scheme whereby people receive a worthwhile reward if they provide information on fly tipping which leads to a conviction. The fine for the fly tipper should be such as to more than cover the reward. The name of the informant should not be made public to avoid the fear of a reprisal."

I am comfortable to restricted opening of sites providing it is well advertised and clear when they are open.

Waste Management isn't easy, largely because there's too much plastic packaging. The supermarkets and smaller shops sell literally tons of prepackaged food & other items all generating a huge volume of material that's hard to deal with. Dioxins from incineration or the problems of endless landfill either way it's a huge problem which is actually driven by the vendors not the purchasers. The large scale retailers do not appear to be going broke but they would doubtless up their prices if obliged by law to contribute significantly to the waste management issue. How do we in Monmouthshire compare to, say, a comparable area in Southwest France or The Netherlands perhaps? Are there any useful insights which our European partners could share?

I see litter from cars and lorries being thrown and flash them but can't always remember the number plate

More pressure on business to prevent litter, or clear up after their business. E.g. chepstow racecourse, theres always a lot of litter along A466 by the racecourse.

A bit aspirational, I fear, but fine in principle

There were no questions concerning dog fouling. This is a major issue and more bins are needed along routes / tow paths.

Why are bags refused to be taken if the wrong stuff is in them, when at the tip all the bags are mixed together, getting torn open by a bull dozer and the contents mixed.

Fly tipping should be actively discouraged by heavier fines.

I think houses could do with wheelies bins or some sort of Gull proof way to recycle in Chepstow. It's not just the people it's the birds too!

I am pressed MCC has signed up to plastic free campaign. They should do all they can to reduce use of plastic especially single use plastic. They should be active in educating the public and discouraging use of plastic bottles. I stated half as my weekly use but you did not give the option of a quarter

DRS: not necessary as excellent curbside collections in place

Why dont you issue payment refunds for non collection my council tax is high enough as it is for a poor service.

You encourage fly tipping by being so strict at your centres for tradesmen, I could save you a fortune if you paid me the right money, you do not investigate why and who flytipped. I raised a concern on social media about some fly tipping in Wicrick lanes, removed within 24hrs.

It is a shame that our garden waste will finish in November as I still prune and maintain shrubs in the winter. I think we should have been given 2 licenses to make up for the reduced collection time. I also think that local shops should be accountable for the litter in their vicinity. Tesco Express in Thornwell is often strewn with rubbish which then blows into the hedgerows and gardens. It's embarrassing to see a community strewn with litter when other European countries that we visit are not. Weekly nappy collection!

There has been an increase of litter being thrown in large quantities in our village of Llanishen.

dont understand the 2 bag waste fortnightly collection when people can take as many general waste bags to the recycling facility how is that cutting down on waste especially as anything could be in those bags

The site at Mitchel Troy is very often closed, due to lorries emptying skips. The site is not big enough for the volume of vehicles wishing to use it. Could an entrance/exit be made through the MCC storage site next door?

Good idea to review this I particularly think the country cil should be more proactive in catching litter louts perhaps using private firms to help

The anti litter campaign could start in schools, with ACTIVE support from parents

What is happening with glass recycling why haven't we heard more since the trail.

our black bag waste is collected from a central point, this is being abused by residnets with many putting 56 bags out, if colected from houses like teh recycling is then woudl solve the problem.

Common sense says that any cut backs in services/opening hours currently operated at HWRCs will envitablly lead to increased fly tipping.

Stop closing Mitchel Troy tip every five minutes, Stop doing irrelevant surveys

It's hard because this area is so rural, but there is a real lack of public waste bins when out

Clamp down on people putting their rubbish out to early and technically fly tipping

Except for organic matter such as apple cores and banana skins.

I personally prefer the bags we have now. Did not like the boxes we received years ago as they seem to disappear for some reason.

garden waste service chsrge should be changed

Recycling centres should encourage recycling not decline it. What difference does it make as long as they're in the right bags! I was going away so took my food and pink and purple bags to the centre I was told they weren't accepted because we have weekly collections, how ridiculous. I don't think its the council's responsibility to sort out litter but it is their responsibility to empty the bins more regularly especially dog waste bins.

More bins and dog bins. Especially in places where people are known to walk dogs (not always parks) eg the outskirts of towns

A wheelie bin to store black bags would be ideal to stop rats coming to the area.

maybe provide more bins in local areas

On the country lanes much litter eg plastic drinks bottles is thrown down by the many cyclists (I have witnessed this). The above questions do not deal with these large numbers of very welcome tourists.

Not a good idea to think of closing any HWR'c s enough fly tipping already.

we need free garden bags as i have a very big hedge to cut and it cost a fortune to buy your garden bags

It breaks my heart to see the beautiful areas I played in as a child become rubbish dumps. Bags of used disposable nappies in the rhyns, builders rubble and household furniture and white goods dumped everywhere. I'm sure some selected DNA samples or other evidence can identify these vermin.

I would like to see nappy/ human waste bags collected weekly. We have be inundated with flies this summer due this sort of waste being exposed to the heat and sun for up to two weeks at a time.

Bring back weekly collections for black bags and yellow nappy bags! With the humid and hot weather, nappies smell even more due to the heat which means it absolutely stinks when they are left for two weeks! Let alone a couple of days! Also with the food waste, can you introduce a big bag to put in the big blue waste bins? Quite a few times in this hot weather, after a few days of one maybe even two small food waste bags that are in there have conducted loads of maggots, it's vile and we have to clean the damn thing out atleast twice before the food waste is collected. There's got to be something you can do to help with this situation? Thanks

"Fly tipping needs to be addressed. MCC should encourage schools to educate children to refrain from producing litter, it will take time."

I think people should not throw litter from a vehicle but it would not be fair to transfer the responsibility to the owner of the vehicle.

Big brother trying to take even more power unto itself. Minor littering is not a criminal offence and the answer lies in education not in persecution. Flytipping is another matter. That can amount to a commercial business and must be penalised. BUT if you continue to restrict access to tips (I use the word deliberately) you simply provide greater incentive to dispose of our waste as best we can. The Councils have abrogated their refuse collection responsibilities in the name of some mystical recycling/ environmental protection concept with which I do not necessarily agree. We the residents want our rubbish collected you the council have the responsibility to do so. The cost of this should be born fairly by the users but collected through taxes in the normal way. YOU do it and stop banging on to us about it. That is what you are there for.

You might have 120 litter champions but there are a great many more of us that collect litter. Every week, and often more regularly, I pick litter along the old Hereford Road, on both sides from the A465 for two miles

there are not enough litter bins especially on ways into town eg Brecon Road Town to hospital does not have a single one!

Empty the bins in Bailey park daily to reduce litter it wheelchair cost much as the whole process takes 25 mins I have timed him

Perhaps littering issues should be tackled in schools as kids are responsible for a good percentage of the mess.

Campaigns are not best use of money

"I find a lot of litter around bins also due to birds picking from the bins. If you replace broken bins, and make it harder for birds to pick from bins, a lot of unnecessary littering will be prevented. "

The new "health and safety" restriction at the Troy tip, where it is closed frequently for up to one hour each time, is causing much frustration for users. I have been keeping a log of closures and note that there can be as many as six or seven closures each day. Assuming that each closure lasts for up to one hour, this means that the tip is closed almost as long as it is open! I live in a small village near Monmouth, which is twenty minutes' drive away. I cannot plan to visit the tip, even when advised of closures by email, as there will probably be another closure before I get there! This is completely unacceptable. Lorry movements on site should be restricted to early morning and late afternoon, leaving the tip open for most of the day. Perhaps guaranteeing no closures between 10 am and 4 pm might work? As it is, having been turned away many times recently, I have had to drive to Llanfoist, incurring much wasted time and petrol.

Monmouth recycling centre is always closed to many times when I go to recycle. It needs to be made bigger and sited somewhere else and not closed all the time

Litter is so awful, can't understand why people can't put things in a bin.

"HWRC need to be open, and accessible in order to reduce fly tipping as much as possible. See no reason at all to stop people from other counties using them we live right by the border with two other counties (Herefordshire and Gloucs). Personally I usually choose to use the HWRC at Parkend, which has much better recycling facilities than Monmouth HWRC and is the same distance from my house. Dog waste: please could MCC publicise better that (a) it can be included in general household waste and (b) it is utterly antisocial and pointless picking up dog waste and hanging the bag on a nearby bush. Much better to push it under a bush. Any campaign on littering should include this as a priority."

There should be a recycling venue in Chepstow! It is not understood what is meant in questions 4 and 10!

Caldicot in particular is seen as dirty, with litter everywhere the council do not seem to clean up on a regular basis, it appears to be Adhoc. Plus the verges are not cleaned out for months, grass and weeds abound. Taxes are raised but services do not seem to improve (I'm aware that councils have had their subsidies cut, but at approx £8 increase per household this year, we should see an improvement in our habitate)

The one thing I would like to mention about litter is there is not enough litter bins allocated in the Caldicot Area especially near schools and park areas for example there is a square litter bin at the top of Green Lane on the corner/bend with Sandy Lane but where Dewstow School is located on Green Lane opposite Cae Mawr Health Clinic the only bin in this vicinity is the Dog litter bin there is no actual litter bin. There is a bus stand o/side the school and opposite the school and the litter around these grassed areas is "high". I understand that the litter is throw by litter bugs who have no consideration for others but if there were more litter bins "erected" this might alleviate some of the problems.

There may be different needs for more isolated properties. My collection point is over 100m from my house up a track, so wheelie bins for example would not be possible. Bags need to be protected from animals, so assistance with a 'cage' for the bags would be of help.

Litter and flytipping is a massive problem. Much more education, and massive fines

Please can you collect the yellow nappy bags once a week rather than fortnightly? Summer was disgusting with the smell and it attracted unnecessary attention from vermin

"The driver of a vehicle is responsible for the safety of their passengers, but should not be held responsible for the behaviour of the individual. Each person should be personally held accountable for themselves. The only exception is in the case of flytipping, in which case the driver is fully responsible. I am a bit unsure about fixed penalty notices for litter dropping as it may end up costing the council (and ultimately us) a lot of money to collect from reluctant payers and those who can't pay. There should be some sort of penalty that could make offenders aware, such as with the driver speed awareness courses. When caught littering, offenders should spend some time either litter picking or time sorting litter after watching an educational, UK based environmental and wildlife video. It seems that either 600 bins is not enough, or more people are trying to throwing their rubbish away rather than litter dropping, because often they are overflowing with litter on the floor around them. What would help would be to have bins for plastics alongside regular waste bins, particularly in towns and areas where large numbers of people pass through." Reuseable bags could blow away in the wind can you think of a solution to this. I don't think you should restrict recycling sites to people in Monmouthshire as I would rather people recycle than fly tip. I also think there should be better monitoring of fly tipping site eg remote cameras.

"As dashboard cameras become more prevalent will MCC use footage to prosecute littering from cars if the footage is provided? Fixed penalty notices for dog fouling would also be welcomed by the community."

Reducing availability of the HWRCs works against the blindingly obvious goal of making recycling as accessible as possible for all residents, especially during winter when the green waste stops. Increasing the vehicle flow capacity at Five Lanes is essential. It should be possible to recycle anything at HWRCs for which there is a recycling path, regardless of whether this is directly beneficial to the contractor. By the way, please pass on to the Five Lanes contractor that their staff are always helpful and accessible. My workplace is served by Wastesavers who seem to be far more proactive (e.g. their reuse and education programmes) why are Monmouthshire contractors not offering similar? More sharing of information would be useful on what happens to waste/recycling after collection, how effective are MCC processes vs relevant benchmarks (not just a high level %age). Good contribution from Keep Wales Tidy in supporting community efforts, need to maintain/develop this partnership.

In an ideal world a fixed penalty for littering should be rigorously enforced. A national campaign across all media, TV, cinemas, press etc should promote the importance of recycling your litter. It should become non PC like smoking in pubs!

"Comment: Why not issue free tip passes to residents and charge others small fee. People come from Newport to Fivelanes because of access/ traffic queues at Maesglas. Loads of items, large and small, taken to tip are not rubbish. Sort, recycle, sell, offer to charities. When will the council have the sense to employ wardens to control litter and dog fouling. Many examples of successful (and profitable) schemes in other authorities!? Where are the CCTV cameras that other authorities use to tackle fly tipping? Why are operatives sent out to collect litter from verges at enhanced pay rates? On a recent Saturday there was a big team of employees working between Caldicot and Magor. They were definitely not the above mentioned volunteers. This at a time when council asks for community suggestions to save money and rates continue to rise. Not happy that the brown bag scheme for garden waste has seen an increased charge and near halving of collections! Whoever sanctioned this is obviously not a gardener! Ok grass stops growing but there are all the hedge prunings, autumn leaves (for those who don't have space to compost) and winter/early spring garden tidying. Monmouthshire should actively support calls for pan UK policy and legislation to unify how waste is controlled (single use plastics especially) / disposed of / recycled etc "

Please, please introduce wheelbins at least for those residences in Monmouthshire towns.

I am unsure about the costs involved in policing littering and how much focus it would take away from other crimes. No more plastic

Use dustbins

How very backwards. You start by saying how accessible the service is with long opening hrs. Then look to make it not so. Maybe look to make recycling easier and less people would be taking their rubbish too the tip. There is simply nowhere for most families to store all this.

Reintroduce the facility to drop red and purple bags at the waste centres.

The council needs to be more proactive in reducing littering/flytipping. There should be a lot more recycle bins to reduce the amount of plastic bottles and cans going to landfill.

Register each vehicle with a windshield license sticker like you do for the green waste bags.

"I think refuse centres are needed to be open more not less. Encourage people to be responsible not fly tip and who cares if people out of county use them!!! Litter on the other hand.. we need to be more aggressive about fighting it. Get schools involved in litter picks, cameras on roads, more education and enforcement. Also look at where litter comes from and target businesses such as McDonald's so they pay and they educate and clean up too. "

Ban use of single use plastic by businesses (eg, plastic drink bottles, disposable drink cups, straws, takeaway food containers, etc)

If reusable bags were the only option to the current recycling bags then I'd agree...BUT I do believe plastic boxes would be the better option. I believe they would look tidier and keep the streets tidier. I have seen plastic bag contents littered about where animals have got into bags or blown along streets when there have been windy days. This would not happen with boxes. Also wouldn't reusable boxes be better environmentally?

Dog mess should be included and fines given to dog owners who don't pick up.

The Mitchel Troy dump is too often closed with no notice and go long lengths of time. This is not acceptable and frustrates local people trying to do the right thing by using it. Something needs to be done to stop this happening and make it fit for purpose for locals who sometimes have to rely on others to get there.

i also think nappy collection should be weekly not fortnightly i have two children in nappies and think its absolutely disgusting and very unhygienic i have to wait 2 weeks for them to be collected.

If possible it would be helpful to have recycling points at the waste site where you can leave the red and purple bags as a whole rather than sorting. Some people miss their collection for whatever reason or have a clear out and being able to visit the site with the red and purple bags would be helpful and cause less waiting times in the queue as you could dispose more quickly

We need more dog mess bins Abergavenny has very few and more should be done to increase the number of dog mess bins. If we had more bins I believe we would have less dog mess on the pavement.

"Dog mess is more pressing than litter in my opinion. A drive to start catching and deterring people would be my priority, it's out of control in Caldicot "

"I realise that our recycling collectors are pushed for time, but when the blue bins are thrown or dropped back, it sometimes breaks the lid or handles, which is a bit annoying. Also, it would be interesting to know what actually happens to our waste and exactly how and where it goes. Does our plastic REALLY get recycled? Or do poorer/willing countries get paid to take it and it get subsequently dumped in the sea? I always do recycle as much family waste as possible but I know some people don't bother as much because they believe it will "all end up in the same place anyway.""

Already seem to be positive attempt to clean up chepstow

Shutting the recycling centres earlier in the day will not support working families that can only access the site after office hours. Closing the centres or preventing people out of area accessing them could increase fly tipping which would be an added cost to the council. There's no mention anywhere in here about increasing the number of bins and dog waste bins in the area there are no rubbish bins near Deri View or Llantilio pertholey schools. Please could nappy bags be collected weekly!! Why do we spend all week separating our recycling only for it to go in the same wagon? Surely 1 small wheelie bin per household for it to all go in would be easier? Why can't broken glass be collected (I understand not very small pieces) when they get thrown into a wagon and smashed anyway?

"At the moment is there any point separating waste? Bags are plastic. Lots of waste on rd side from gills and cats breaking them. Tips are very efficient. Nice staff. Needle waste has it increased this month? Are other agencies doing anything to reduce or stop it occurring? Chepstow. The town is kept tidy gardening lovely flowers. "

I think that we should be issued boxes for recycling, free access to garden recycling and be allowed more than two black bags per fortnight as I feel it's unfair that a single person had the same allowance as a family with multiple children.

The uncertainty of temporary closure at the recycling centre is unacceptable, I have gone back up to 3 times a day to get rid of rubbish only to find it closed this happens more times than not!! And I'm not the only one, people are always complaining on the local Facebook page

The HWRC in Monmouth has deteriorated in service and provision recently I imagine this is to deter people from using it so you can say it's not used much and then close it!!! A bit like banks have done!

Please bring back the garden waste collection in the winter. Even if it's just the beginning of January for Christmas tree collection

You don't even empty the bins enough in some areas so people when they see litter all over the floor just add to it. YOU DO YOUR BIT PEOPLE WILL DO THEIRS.

Restricting hours at HWRCs makes sense, but I would be concerned about an increase in flytipping.

The council needs to urgently look into a new purpose built site for Monmouth HWRC. It is no longer large enough for the size of the town and the increased and varied amount of products it has to cater for. Also it spends a huge amount of time closed for safety reasons whenever maintenance is carried out. This I believe is because there isn't room for them to do this with the public present. Also on littering the council needs to increase the number of waste bins available in public places and make sure they are emptied before they spill over. Also it would help if the council's banned takeaway food outlets from using single use polystyrene containers that litter our streets and rivers!

The best way to reduce litter is to provide residents with wheelie bins as most other councils do

You should think about educating the public. You are paid to keep the town clean and have failed miserably. You should not rely on organised litter pickers .

The distribution of dog waste bins is not very even. The cycle path in Llanfoist requires more, when I am walking there with my son, we see dog bags on the side of the path every time we walk up there.

Maybe employ staff at the dump that are happy and helpful

Issue Mon residents a badge to go in a car. If they don't show it they cannot get to use the tip. If you did reduce opening times maybe close (am) as a lot of us work and can only get to the site later on.

No more different bags/boxes for recycling. Make the recycling centres more efficient when they're open. Don't reduce hours there will be more fly tipping. Allow people from anywhere to dispose waste. Better to be disposed, than dumped. No to recycle separate glass yet another box/bag to store. Council tax is high in Monmouthshire. Don't keep changing collection days, colours of bags..... the law abiding members of community increasingly burdened with MORE 'rubbish' from changes in recycling scheme. Others with flout the rules, will continue to do as they please and fly tipping will become more prevalent in areas where no CCTV. I don't want to live in a police state, nor do I want to go round shopping everyone to the authority. Life is too short. Please just keep your recycling policies simple and as unobtrusive to our daily routines as possible. No one will take any notice of my views anyway, but I asked you not to add yet another layer of recycling last year glass. When will the suppliers, manufacturers be penalised for all their packaging? Why should we be taxed multiple times for their packaging and marketing decisions.

The mitchell troy site is not fit for purpose and in monmouth we pay stupidly high council tax ! Not good enough mcc !

"I think reusable boxes would be good as long as they weren't thrown about and therefore likely to get broken and need replacing therefore creating more waste unrecyclable plastic... Whatever cuts the need for more plastic has to be best, as long as that producing alternatives then isn't creating more co2. But the system needs to be simple enough for people to want to use it or people will either just get it wrong by mistake (or on purpose so that they don't have more than their 2 black bags of rubbish).... Also need better advice on what can or is actually being recycled... Do we put black plastic in the purple bags, as well as plastic fruit plullets, yogurt pots and margarine tubs and icecream tubs as I have heard that these aren't actually being recycled anyway ...so what's the point of washing them out and putting them in the recycling rather than just putting them in the general waste?Also I have heard that not all the card/paper is clean enough for recycling although it says card widely recycled on the food packaging... Also some is has plastic lining ... And although it says we can put in terra packs these aren't actually being recycled?Are these things true?"

"The driver of a vehicle must be the responsible person.Littering is an anti social behaviour. Experience shows that such is best changed through a programme of nudging (perhaps look at what the ""Department of Nudging"" has achieved for No 10 Downing St"

I have seen the stuff that people dispose of at the waste recycling sites and believe that an intervention system could help the council realise more income. The Homemakers' recycling centre in Abergavenny takes household items and, I believe, can renovate certain items. Surely they would have more value than as waste?

Brown garden waste bags should come down in price we pay enough council tax

We live overlooking the Heads of the Valleys road by Llanfoist, with the new Costa on the other side. Every time we look out of our windows we are confronted with an unacceptable amount of litter on the verge from the road. We've lived here since September 2017 and have NEVER seen it cleared up. Its only getting worse and worse. I am very angry as we are paying £200 per month for council tax for our area, (double what we were paying in thr centre of town) but are reminded every day that we are paying for nothing. The council have also not tended to the public land and footpath in front of our house for a year so people can't get to our front door.

Key I think is community involvement, and peer pressure. Mobilising community groups to visibly litter pick is a way of embarrassing others to care more. I often pick up litter as I dog walk, and find in areas where I have cleared it, it stays clear for longer. Areas which are unkempt just seem to attract more litter.

Provide a reusable box for nappies ! With wheels please !

The castle grounds, particularly at the pond, is in dire need of waste removal, there are car parts in the pond and masses of waste in green and blocked river running around the castle, makes for sad visiting.

More frequent nappy collection would be helpful

The laybys are in disgrace. Nothing is implemented and fly tipping is common

Yellow nappy bin collections need to be changed to weekly it's ridiculous having it fortnightly. Also the bin men need to take more care when emptying the blue bin the way they throw the bin all over the street is ridiculous, we've had to have 2 new ones in the last year due to them breaking our bins.

It's not the recycling red and purple bags that are an issue it's household waste two bags collected every two weeks leaves me constantly behind with waste, it will never go because I have bags left and adding more each week. Also the nappy bags have shrunk so you have double the amount of bags and airing to be collected.

If you are going to start putting extra charges in place then make sure the service is perfect first.

Reducing access to waste sites will have a direct impact on increased fly tipping which will ultimately cost the council more to remove short sighted policy decision.

very good

General household waste should be collected weekly. As a family household we always have more than the statutory 2 bags of rubbish per fortnight. It's silly. Would not change people taking large items to the tip re the cost of fly tipping. Or a small charge to collect from the house re the cost of fly tipping?

Reducing the days HWRCs are open will only serve to extend the already long queues at these facilities. There should be a means to stop nonresidents from using the facilities.

People that are on job seekers and getting free flats and utilities should have to do a community service to litter pick

Bring back weekly adult hygiene waste (yellow bag) collections. Ensure facilities for recycling ALL recyclable waste.

I feel we have poor service for all of our waste, compared to other councils.

"We live near Great Barnet's wood and there is always litter on the paths. Perhaps if there were public recycling bins available that were emptied frequently then people would use them? Rather than litter? We have had people dump their rubbish in our driveway and some rubbish blows down the road from a local shop when they don't store their waste properly. I think the council should check up on the shops to ensure that they handle waste properly too. More should be done to ban single use plastic and plastic bags from the town including Tesco and Costa. Just the market being plastic free isn't enough. This could be a huge marketing piece to promote the town. Deposit schemes for plastic or glass bottles would be great too. Please don't limit how much recycling we can do by moving to boxes. "

Sadly fly tipping is on the increase due to vans having to pay for waste at the tip.

Need weekly black bag collection and unlimited as many residents can't get to recycling centre

People should be encouraged to join and the picks should be advised, bring a community together

If the person littering is over 16 they should be held responsible for their own actions. If the littering person is a child then the parents should be held responsible it's not the registered keepers responsibility their main concern should be the road.

Unfortunately, a campaign to reduce litter will not reduce the stupidity of those who do litter and will only cost money that the council does not have to waste.

The queues at the recycling centre make it difficult to use and I am certain that people from Newport use it routinely as well making the queues even longer.

Recycling centres across the country should be open to anyone, whether domestic or trade waste. How else can we effectively control littering and fly tipping?

Reducing hours at Hers will create even more fly tipping which is already a problem in Mon.

"More frequent collection of rubbish from bins in public spaces would be good. More dog poo bins needed too. Restricting access to the recycling centres to residents only may lead to an increase in fly tipping "

GUYS AT HWRC IN ABERGAVENNY ARE GREAT HELPFUL, FRIENDLY

I live in a rural area where fly tipping is rife I am concerned that a restriction on opening or access to Hwrc will result in an increase in this. Creating danger for animals and children

nappy collection should be weekly instead of every 2 weeks.

Reduce costs of green waste by making us purchase own bags as previous and stop the useless free brown bags that tear and deteriorate easily and must be quite costly to produce. Other waste collection is fine, don't fix what isn't broken. much better than systems in ebbw vale

Not sure about last question because what if a passenger litters that not the drivers fault

Fly tipping is a much bigger issue than the odd dropped crisp packet. By all means stop the litterers but limiting domestic rubbish bags to 2 and presumably threatening to close a tip will trigger more fly tipping. That should have a higher priority. We already generate more than two bags a fortnight of non recycleable rubbish so I drive to the tip about once a month. Lots of people tell me they put rubbish in their recycling bags as its the only way to get rid of it (which defeats the point of recycling). Making it harder to get rid of domestic rubbish makes more and more people dump their rubbish. Want to keep monmouthshire tidy? Make rubbish disposal easy!

"Deposit returns will be good. So too would campaigns to reduce the use of single use plastic (including the dreadful red and purple throw away bags!). Rather than continually waste money and resources on creating more red and purple bags for people to add to the waste stream, encourage residents to avoid buying plastic bottled water by issuing metal reusable water bottles and mentioning the great @refill initiative that enables people to fill up for free at a growing number of venues. More should be done to tackle the throw away society by raising awareness of the local and global issues caused by this trend. Educate people about the problem and gain their support to reduce the amount of waste being generated."

People in my estate are dumping their black bags around the estate when they have more than two themselves! Waste collection needs to be based on how many people live in household not limit to two bags a fortnight.

Not enough public bins in MCC, St Lawrence rd lone bin been removed in Chepstow, none by bus stops (biggest litter offender is school bus passengers and parents). Fines are just money making ask some one to pick up and put in bin, litter problem solved. What happens if someone can't afford fine? Do you only fine those who can afford? That would create a system that poorer in society can litter with no recompense. SOLUTION: MORE PUBLIC BINS. (some people too lazy to take litter home)

Dog mess is a bigger problem and should be addressed with fixed penalties

As previous. More dog waste collection points and heavier penalties for offenders. Also for littering.

HWRC opening hours should not be reduced as garden waste collections have been cut for the winter months

Penalties if deliberate littering.

The Usk centre should be relocated to the Council offices site near the town as the town centre is an unsuitable location, this would allow easier access to residents and the recycling company's vehicles. It would also allow parking spaces to be increased in the congested car park.

More bins along cycle track and canal please.

If using reusable bags for recycling materials, please make sure they are put back where they were found for collection as many elderly people cannot retrieve them when they have been thrown anywhere or the wind has blown them about

Dog fouling is an issue around the area of Park Crescent, Abergavenny. Also, a problem down at Castle Meadows.

Not sure a campaign would work the people who drop litter are scum and properly wouldn't take any notice of posters etc. If there were more police around or people who can issue FPN that would be much better.

Would be great if other plastic eg carrier bags could be recycled. Also small metal items eg old cutlery, DIY waste etc

"I would not like to see wheelie bins being introduced. Also any reusable bags will need to be able to be cleaned/washed and be able to be closed (Velcro?) to prevent items blowing away or animals getting in to prevent rubbish being strewn across the street. "

When litter is thrown from vehicles, the person littering should be responsible. The keeper or driver should not be held accountable for other passengers' actions.

Why do we bother separating into red and purple bags they are all thrown into same truck and storage areas. I know of numerous people that say they don't even split them anymore (my husband still does tho,)

Don't reduce or restrict access to the recycling centres. This will just increase fly tipping in the countryside, which is then additional cost for the council to clean up as well as it being an eyesore and polluting. In fact, make it cheap for 'house clearers' to use the centres because they are probably helping with the housing shortage.

Work with organisations like Keep Wales Tidy to build on best practice and piggy back national campaigns. Particularly target changing children's attitudes (to change the culture and use peer pressure) and emphasis economic as well as environmental and social issues e.g what else could litter clearing cash be used for. Disagree with restricting waste to residents only in case it increases fly tipping. Also work across WLGA, business and Welsh Government to reduce waste at source.

"The HWRC is pushed to its limit at Troy. I can go there a number of times and it's closed to empty or what ever reason. It can't just be open to residents as what happens to holiday makers? We have been away a number of time and been told to take our bins to the skip at the end of the week so I'm sure that happens in this area too"

Crazy and leading questions which do not address the pertinent issues about the lack of sufficient collection of household waste which (irrespective of the amount of recycling one does) is insufficient and actually discourages recycling. Because if one is forced to visit the refuse centres to dispose of household waste that is becoming putrid after 2 weeks, one is more likely to lob it all in

"1. Why do I see both red bags and purple bags being crushed on the same lorry? 2. The Council should publicise where the recycled refuse ultimately ends up. Where is that?"

On the spot fines for dog poo fouling

I believe that is the only way to make someone responsible. Otherwise passengers could claim "it wasn't me"

Seagulls + Chepstow leisure centre are issues + Tesco's

Dog fouling is a growing concern and many bins are not emptied routinely, leading to people 'dumping' the dog mess around the bins. This is also not policed well enough to prevent/catch people from not picking up their dog mess.

Our yellow bags really need collecting once a week not once a fortnight, the stench in the back garden coming from the bin obviously even with a lid is awful and attracting lots of flies. Apart from that there are no complaints from me regarding our collection services, fab job.

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Council should monitor which households are recycling or not recycling. Not fair on those that are, whilst some neighbours are not.

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Litter is a big problem and there will always be people who just don't care about it. The only way to change littering behaviour is to fine those responsible.

I am fully in support of deposit return schemes. We should be looking to increase the use of glass bottles to reduce plastic waste. Bring back the pop man and the milk man. An incentive to reuse glass bottles would benefit our county and the planet in the long run.

Reducing any of the above would result in more fly tipping. Sacks work so much better than wheels bins and plastic boxes. Although near commercial food outlets seagulls are a concern so sacks may not be the answer.

Fly tipping needs to be proactively dealt with and CCTV used in frequently used sites. All waste checked and traced back where possible. Parks and sites where teens congregate should be spot checked and fines issued esp during summer months. Disagree with automatic holding registered keeper of vehicles responsible as impossible to know who was using it at the time esp when company vehicle

"reusable boxes should be used to save the environment how long will it take for all the bags collected to decompose?"

Monmouthshire should work on prevention and not just recycling. How can we get the residents to buy less, throw less and get the shops to take responsibility for what they sell.

I think the council recycling is perfect as it is, no change needed.

The person throwing it should be fined not the driver

Littering should be introduced in schools, but it is also parental responsibility

More bins should be available but they should be emptied more often.

I wouldn't want to see rubbish bins or dog waste bins being reduced as a way of managing or reducing cost.

Most litter is from visitors to the county. However often bins aren't emptied frequently enough or there are not enough bins around

More needs to be done about the amount of litter in and around Abergavenny which has increased dramatically since McDonalds opened. Heavy fines should be imposed on those caught littering and maximum penalties on those fly tipping.

Shorter hours would be fine but only if it was thought through. Opening later rather than closing earlier in winter may be a good idea for example closing at 4pm would affect anyone working 95. Also closing one day a week completely provided it was very well publicised would save money. But it will give fly tippers more excuses if the tip isn't open at 'reasonable' times. Fly tipping is getting worse and maybe more should be done to tackle this problem!

About time some people were named and shamed for not picking up dog mess I see people most days allowing their dogs to mess and never pick it up.

"empty bins more frequently (often overflowing). fixed penalty fines for dog littering and littering make recycling centres truly recycling stop all dumping of perfectly good furniture, toys etc and divert to charity shop/ allow purchase on site. it happens in Winchester "

"I am aware that the current purple and red single use bag scheme is being abused, through residents living outside of Wales, i.e. Tutshill and Sedbury using the bags for other uses. This could be stopped by asking for confirmation that they pay rates in Monmouthshire. Mis use of the bags costs the Welsh ratepayer and council!! It would be great if there were a facility for collection of plastic bags for recycling, especially as Tesco no longer have a waste bag depository. "

I'm fed up with visiting Mitchel Troy HWRC & finding it closed. Can you find a way to keep it open during its opening hours, please?

Food and drink outlets should contribute to the costs of clearing up their packaging and disposal of materials.

You talk about 'fixed penalty notices' yet. I see no one available to enforce them.

Dog waste seems to be one of the biggest issues with regards to litter. I frequently come across filled black bags in the woods why do people even bother to put it in a bag if they can't then put the bag in a bin?! Not sure what can be done about this but it is a real blight on the beautiful countryside.

If non residents are restricted they will throw wherever they can

"The questions lead me to believe you have a series of changes in mind. Given cuts recent cuts and increases to charges (including the garden waste charge), I can't help but feel that we are about to see ourselves charged extra for the recycling element of our council tax service. If this is the case, you will see many more people either failing to recycle or putting more strain on the HWRC's (as is the case with garden waste)."

"The things you are suggesting are the law and our tax contributions are made to support regulations of such I would not support paying external agencies to manage this ... it's happened in other authorities and has turned into a nightmare. Penzance in Cornwall is a Plastic Free town ... why can't MonCc try this?"

"My neighbour does not recycle yet you take 6 black bags from that house? Unfair!! Her address? After reporting several times 9 bluebell drive, chepstow"

Unsure as to why Mitchel Troy waste site seems to close for periods of time throughout the day.

Unless a conditional return scheme is done on a big gesture scale (money off council tax for example!) Then I think it's just preaching to the converted. More important to find out the reason why some people don't recycle and work on that.

Yellow nappy bags need to be collected on a weekly basis not fortnightly! The use of reusable plastic recycling boxes works very well in North Somerset along with the use of a household black wheely bin and has been for a number of years.

The garden waste bags are inferior quality. The handles break off, and the clear plastic wallets to hold the permits tear off. A more substantial bag is needed.

Garden waste should be collected free of charge as it used to be

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The vehicle owner / driver might not be aware of what a passenger, especially a rear seat passenger is doing in their car. If the driver is concentrating a parent giving a child's friend a lift might be unaware or unable to prevent that rear passenger from littering, even though the owner would never litter themselves. I don't think anyone can be totally responsible for another person's actions , especially someone preoccupied like driving!

Queues far too long at five lanes quarry. Boxes or reusable recycling bags needed or wheely bins

Chepstow has a serious litter problem, especially in and around the Piggy Hill area, Rockwood Road and the coastal path. Most of the litter I encounter is sweet wrappers, fizzy pop bottles and other junk food waste I suspect is dropped by school children and teenagers. I suggest tackling the source in our schools. More bins in said areas and maybe the deployment of a CSO beat to issue our fines to offenders. I regularly pick up litter from our local park, in front of our house and sadly from within our own garden.

Disappointed with the reduced garden waste collection some people require this all year round and results in over use of the local tip facilities.

People doing community service should be used more efficiently in the clean up of our litter and ragwort etc.

Garden waste should be collected during the whole year. We pay over £350 pm plus garden waste fees for a measly collection service. Catbrook is left out of most services, no road sweeping, hedges cut etc Litter is collected by village residents otherwise it just stays there. More needs to be done re litter droppers

"Please consider emptying the dog waste bins more frequently in the Summer due to the smell & increased use in warm weather. Biodegradable recycling bags would be a more convenient option."

We may have 600 bins but that is nowhere near enough. The best scheme I have seen is one in Norway where they have a plastic collecting machine inside of the supermarkets and you get a voucher to spend in the store when you deposit plastic in it. This idea could be used for different things as well and reduce waste as people would be getting something back for it and so would be more inclined to keep their rubbish and use those deposit machines

Place more bins and ashtrays runs and then people wouldn't have a need to litter then if people are caught doing so name shame and prosecute them

I am concerned about fly tipping in the county and I hear people say it is more difficult for traders to use the recycling centres. I think this needs to be considered carefully. Happy for sites to have reduced hours but closures or day closures would probably lead to more fly tipping. I think more needs to be done about that. Also I rated the service 3 because I hear rumours about the recycled items just going to landfill I hope the council is doing all it can to recycle properly and reduce costs.

Question 11 If litter is thrown from a bus, will the council fine itself?

Yellow bag should ne weekly

Need to start fining people who don't clean up dog waste and also ensure dog waste bins are provided at more places where dogs are exercised.

The recycling centres should make it clear that the closing time is 30 minutes before the stated time as they are not covered by insurance so we were told. Road side littering should also be actioned as the state of the verges in the county is disgusting.

There are always long queues at 5 lanes and only a few vehicles can unload at any one time so it isn't easy to use you can't just pop in with a few bits you need to get rid of, as you could at other towns/cities I've lived in. Also, last time I went to it, in the short time I was unloading I heard the staff telling off 2 other people and handing out notices about using the red and purple bags incorrectly. It's not very friendly or welcoming. I'm not condoning fly tipping, but whenever I see a pile of stuff dumped down a country lane, I wonder if it wouldn't be there if the waste recycling centre was easier to use.

With regard to littering. We need to reeducate people including in schools and workplaces. I take a plastic bag when I walk my dog in the portskewett area to collect used coffee cups, Beer cans and bottles in my return journey. If we all did a little bit it would help. I have to say that if I have had cause to report a full or overflowing bin it's been done quickly. Thank you

I would like to see roadside & canal wAste bins emptied more often

I don't think a Deposit Return Scheme will change the behaviour of those who litter as the deposit returned would need to be sizeable.

3 different days for different bin collections isn't convenient and would question if is costing householders more money 're council tax

Monmouth recycling site is shut much too often, it is too small and too much is not separated. Why are red and purple bags thrown in same lorry, why do we separate them at all !!!!

The tip we use is always busy, sometimes the cars are back to the entry gates. To restrict the days and times will make it worse plus will encourage people to dispose of litter elsewhere. The local town bins are always over flowing, I appreciate there are now signs on them asking people not to dispose of household rubbish. However that's not working. The dog poo situation is getting worse, heavier fines and more strict policies need to be introduced because adding extra bins just isn't preventing the issue. I used to walk to work and couldn't believe how much there was, it seems to be early morning walkers who tend to be in a rush. Again no idea how you police this or male a change. There is so much litter on the side of the road between Caldicot and Caerwent. It has been there for weeks.

The national deposit scheme may disadvantage those who by whilst out shopping, or are unable to easily access the service.

"Q3 and Q4: Reusable bags should be made of material that can be easily cleaned. Plastic boxes care bulky and can create their own problems in relation to storage.Re HWRC: I think it is better to maintain a service in all of the areas rather than close any one specific site, to maximise access for majority of people, albeit a reduced service. Allowing access to non residents will promote recycling, if access is prohibited risk of fly tipping is increased. Closure or reduction in opening of sites could also have this effect.Overall I am very happy with the weekly recycling scheme, it makes sense to get rid of the single use plastic bags."

Make all recycling centres free to use with longer opening times. People are more likely to use these places if they know that they don't have to pay.

The more litter/recycling that is done, the cleaner the environment, and less cost to the Council for clean up of tips people leave by the side of the road, so not letting nonresidents use the dump is counter productive.

Not sure what a national deposit return scheme is.

"IT looks like you are trying to reduce the services of waste recycling. But I guess my council tax will go up again.Restricting the tip to residents is a) MEan spirited b) encouraging fly tipping."

use prisoners to litter pick

"Recycling rates in our house would increase if all litter was collected on the same day rather than household waste & green waste on Wednesday & red & plastic bags on Friday.Having all recycling in the same bag would encourage us to recycle more.A pan Wales recycling strategy would benefit recycling rates as each council seems to be different.The dream is a recycling wheely bin & litter wheely bin."

Can not penalise a driver/keeper for a passenger chucking something out of a window.

Waste disposal sites need to be open long hours to reduce fly tipping and need to make it easier for people with vans to dispose of household rubbish easier

Current thinking on commercial waste and recycling and on industrial composting

Michel Tidy site is far too small now for the size of Monmouth. It also closes sometimes twice a day at no set time for removing skips with no warning to the user. It's then closed for around 40 minutes.

More bins and litter cleaning needed in Bulwark, especially in the side lanes and alleys. Also the park in Bulwark often has unsafe waste and rubbish that needs clearing. More dog waste bins needed also.

I wish the garden waste service ran all year because I do a lot of garden jungle reducing in winter when it has all died back. People in Monmouthshire have large gardens and brambles etc cannot be tackled in summer because they're too wild.

Recycle collection does not always happen as per the nominated days. On average 1 collection is missed per month, usually red/purple bag collection. This has been raised through mcc Facebook page and direct with mcc via the form on a number of occasions.

"The blue food boxes could be put back closed and tidy on the pavement. Not chucked down on their side and open.This happens occasionally but is not very nice to come home to and is very unhygienic"

Litter in Chepstow is far better/less than two years ago so your current strategy is working. I still pick up at least 4 items whenever I walk down Mounon Road as well as in the town centre

During winter months the waste recycling centres should open an hour later and close an hour earlier to ensure all sites remain open and perhaps on Saturdays in summer months open a little longer

The stopping of green waste collection in Winter is a mistake. Perhaps a monthly collection ?

"I constantly have dog waste thrown in my garden. Litter isn't an issue.More ways of how locals can help prosecute"

make it easier for residents to use the household recycling with private vans not for business use

You have it right

"7) I'm not sure what you mean by nonresidents using the centre. If they are not allowed to, would that increase litter in our area?9) What does 'proactively issue...' mean? Issue a notice before they actually litter? Confusing.10)

The council should support a National Deposit Return Scheme but more to the point, manufactures of singleuse plastic should have to pay a hefty tax. Why as taxpayers should we have to pay twice for their waste once when we buy a product (the plastic is hard to avoid, just look at any supermarket fruit, veg and meat section) and once when we pay our council tax which supports recycling efforts. Plus, recycling is overwhelming the centres. They will not be able to keep up with the waste that is being churned out daily."

What if a passenger threw litter from a car window

Seagulls currently cause litter problems by ripping bags open

The person who litters deliberately should be fined. More litter bins needed and emptied more frequently.

Recycling bags of rubbish should be accepted at the sites.

Happy overall with refuse collection, recycling and local recycling centre facility but object strongly to paying for garden waste collection on top of £2,600 per year council tax. Only 2 of us in the house, no children.

I would like to see the council do something to encourage large shops (eg Tesco, Asda) to reduce their unnecessary plastic packaging. I know the government has given a time frame but I think this is too long. I'd like to see plastic films collected separately, as one day these will be able to be recycled and reused. I'd like the council to support shops which sell unpackaged bulk foods like many shops in Canada do (people bring their own containers).

encourage good behaviour not fine bad behaviour or/and make good behaviour more difficult (with closing waste sites, charging for services that were free ie garden waste collection and now fines)

I am pleased with the current service offered. Re usable boxes sound like a good idea, but I think the bags are easier for the people collecting. The time is longer for a box to be returned to the house after emptying compared to just throwing the bag. Are the recycling bags biodegradable?

I live in Mathern and daily see bulwark residents dropping litter as they drive through our well kept village. A camera on the main road into Mathern could easily monitor their destruction of our well kept (mostly by resident) village.

They also litter Mathern road and fly tip continually. Closing the lane would be effective for both speed reduction and littering

Not sure how this would be policed though? As I've challenged people for dropping litter and been met with abuse. Would need to be Police. But then there's not enough police to do that job!

As an elderly resident I find the current system using one time use plastic bags convenient and simple to use. Would not like to reuse purple bags (although I do wash them before disposal) as this could become unhygienic. Reusing the red bags could possibly work but where people are at work and unable to collect from the kerb would lead to loss on windy days anyway. I would find using plastic bins difficult as would be unable to carry or push them and not all people have the facilities or space to keep these clean. The present system seems to work really well so why change it?

Tackling dog mess should be a priority, this is a huge problem in Caldicot and most other Monmouthshire towns/villages, I hear far more complaints of this than any litter problem

Having to sort waste in to 5 sections at the moment and then increasing that to 6 for glass is getting ridiculous. I am very much in favour of recycling but it must be sensible and convenient else people will not do it.

"Residents need regular reminders of what can be recycled and how / in which bag. Many people are still unsure eg many people do not know if aerosols can be recycled. People need to be informed of where their waste goes and how it is sorted. Many people believe that it all goes to the same place and doesn't even get recycled. This needs addressing urgently as people won't bother if they think it's pointless. Also the council need to do more for schools eg assemblies etc to support teachers educating our future recyclers! Garden waste collection is now extortionate!!"

Absolutely we should bring back keep Wales tidy campaign. Young people have no respect for putting rubbish in bins

Council should make every effort to deter fly tipping maybe this should include easier access to recycling centres or create more sites closer to Caldecott area e.g.

Wholeheartedly agree that fines need to be enforced.

Can we please have either stronger food bags or 1 large bag to put in blue box

Black and green bins should be provided to make the streets cleaner stopping cats foxes etc ripping open bags

At weekends especially during the holidays all the bins in town are overflowing. More bins and extra emptying at peak times please

more dog poo bins needed especially near alleys between houses where disgusting people throw poo bags in a huge pile. right outside my gate! i don't even own a dog. fine irresponsible owners

"Consider food waste collection for businesses Fixed Penalty Notices for businesses that persistently overfill wheelie bins/ put out bags with food waste that end up over the pavement Consider seagull proof bags where they are known to peck at bags, especially if they contain food Takeaways and other food outlets need to be held more accountable for takeaway wrappers on the highway"

"Fixed penalty notices could be an excellent deterrent but must be administered by MCC and not contracted out to a target driven contractor. The fear should it be contracted out is overzealous policing resulting in those who have made a genuine mistake being punished just because it contributes to statistics. With regard to HWRCs any savings resulting from restricted hours needs to be considered alongside the potential clean up bills for fly tipping that may result. Likewise restricting access to those from other counties."

The guys at five lanes are always always polite and helpful. A big thanks to them all they make it a great experience. I've moved here 2 years ago and compared to the Gloucester site the five lanes guys are fab

Wheelie bins for all house good waste would be ideal, I'm sick of going to my shed where I have to store bin bags to find maggots and flies everywhere

"Over packaging is still the biggest problem. We recycle every possible "

"Bulwark is a mess of litter due to lack of bins, takeaway shops. Local garage areas have needles and drug stuff just left by the scout hall. I am ashamed to be a resident"

"With regards to the waste centers they are vital to the role in the communities. I cant afford 20+ pounds a year for 1 brown bag on a weekly collection for only 9 months of the year!! I think within reason a fortnightly collection would have been appropriate change for the winter months. If you restrict the tips you will have a lot more fly tipping and that is not the route to go down. Administration and management is where you need cut backs. Too many chiefs not enough indians. We as a community in monmouthshire already make the recycling targets so why are you trying to penalise us again? What do we pay a council tax bill to have all the things we need reduced time and time again. "

I would like to see yellow bags collected more often weekly like the recycled waste as this can smell and is unhygienic to keep around for 2 weeks.

You should support to reduce litter however you need to focus on commercial litter as well as household. Also the only real way to reduce house hold litter is to tackle the issues faced with food packaging. If you go for root cause then there will be a natural reduction in house hold litter as a consequence. Do not close facilities and continue to reduce value for council tax. Also please revert back to the original garden bags which didn't rip like the current ones do and bring back year round collection!

More should be done with the manufacturers on the amount of packaging being used. I would welcome more schemes offering refill options so I could reuse my plastic especially if price reflected this.

the boxes or bags chosen should be recyclable themselves.

Is this REALLY about maintaining or increasing recycling rates, or is it about cost? What will you do if recycling rates decrease as a result of the changes? How transparent will you be about the ACTUAL cost and recycling impacts?

there should also be more proactive fining of dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs.

"Enforcement. Do not make the public antagonist again the enforcers, education with reasonable enforcement, ie do not fine if a piece of paper falls out of a bag and the like re the winter site times down to 1/2 1 hour before sunset. Also think of the elderly and disabled re any more box issues. The present recycling works well! Don't mess it up. For spaces like parks and car parks ensure closed top bins not open which can attract vermin to spread the discard"

Since going back to Black bags some people are now putting more than two bags out I think we should go back to the grey bags

Put ctv were there's regular fly tipping so these people can be prosecuted and named to put others off

"Cleaning up litter is a costly business money could be better spent elsewhere. We need a Monmouthshirewide campaign such as ""Love Where You Live"" Businesses or residents that consistently litter should be fined"

Don't change anything just either reduce the garden waste charge or keep it at 12 months collection

Very difficult to find large food bags for blue food bin!! Pay my council tax yet now I have to pay more for garden waste, black bags, blue caddy food waste bins, now put more into black bags to save money. At least give us free blue caddy food waste bags. Be charging us next for pink/purple bags

recycle bins need to be provided in the towns. where they have them there is only one!

I would like if my black bag could be collected on the same day as my recycling instead of Friday for one and alternative Mondays for the other Thank you

"Charge takeaway shops for using on recycleable packaging, we have a chip shop at the end of the street and the bins and area always have polystyrene trays floating around. Should use cardboard/recycleable packaging. "

"The collection times are erratic which causes an issue if you don't want to put waste bags out the night before due to animals ripping them open, please can fixed time bands be allocated for collections (as far as possible) plus alternative collection points be made available if collections are missed or you have additional waste with no storage facility. We only occasionally need the garden waste collection so are now stuck as we don't want to pay for brown bags so have to use HWRC can an occasional collection be accepted somehow?"

Users of five lanes should have to prove they reside in the local area

These questions are clearly biased towards seeking budgetary savings at the detriment of service provision. How about seeking views of service provision as a whole? Eg don't reduce winter opening times when last year winter collections of garden waste has been effectively terminated (operates spring to autumn for brown bags) and we are charged more than the previous year. The cost per collection for the customer has increased substantially. Don't compound this by reducing further services. Consult the tax payer on clear and transparent grounds. I.e.budgets have been cut to an unsustainable level and the only means of meeting that is by service provision reduction

Ok

The council need to hold operators of fast food outlets in Monmouthshire and the motorway services in Raglan for the removal of the additional litter generated. Recycling centres are great but Monmouth is too small and should be extended.

Monmouthshire should provide wheelie bins for all types of collections in line with other local councils. Having bin bags left for two weeks encourages vermin, it is disgusting.

Nappy bags need to be collected every week!!

I'm in favour of fining for dropping or thrown litter. I live in a village by the m4 and there is a McDonald's near and the amount of time a lorry or a car I'm following opens the window and throws the rubbish out. It makes me mad

Rural areas get a lower levels of service as towns. Why?

There were no questions regarding garden waste. I believe the recycling and refuse collection is very good. However, the cost and frequency of garden waste collection is very poor with the increase in price and reduction in collection (not all year).

Agree with fixed rate fines as long as common sense is used.

i think , in the summer, black bag and hygiene waste bags should be collected once a week, the amount of maggots that appear when left longer is disgusting!

"With respect to HWRCs I appreciate that the Council has to make difficult decisions about the range of services it can continue to provide HWRCs provide a valuable service and being accessible to residents plays a significant role in their use. I would support a reduction in days of operation and this should be a consistent schedule throughout the year. Reliability and consistency of service is, in my view, important, chopping and changing throughout the year would cause confusion and people might use less socially acceptable means of disposing of rubbish that they would normally take to their local HWRC. In the interest of the environment I am content that nonresidents should be able to use the facilities we should always encourage responsible behaviour and make it as easy as possible for people to do the right thing"

I would like to see nappy collection to go back to weekly collections. I store mine in a separate bin inside my garage but the smell is still unbearable. Also reducing the brown bag collection is a nightmare. You say the brown bags are to be used for animal bedding but what are we supposed to do with it during the months you don't collect? I understand you need to make cuts but I think on things like the nappy collection and brown bags you have gone too far. No consultation it is just forced upon us.

What on earth is a National Deposit Return Scheme???

not enough bins (same as everywhere) i often walk for half a hour with litter in my hand for half hour before seeing a bin. during times where there are more people (festivals etc) why are the bins not being emptied more often??

There should be no restriction on which waste recycling centre you use it should be which is most convenient to access to encourage people to use it & not fly tip

PLEASE can you consider changing your commercial arrangements so that recycling in red or purple bags can be taken to Five Lanes? The waste is taken there anyway I've seen it in the sheds awaiting onwards shipping/sorting, so there is no reason (apart from presumably some commercial agreement) why this can not be accepted. This would be so helpful after a party or a sort out when the bags get in the way until the next collection day. A small change which would be widely appreciated.

Nappy bag collection every two weeks is awful

"Glass recycling boxes are a waste. I've only used mine twice of a few items"

I would like to see a provision for recycling more different types of 'soft' plastics rather than just hard plastic containers.

As a gardener handyman I am unable to use the recycling centre because I have a van, I would be more than happy to pay a fee (for instance £50 per year) to enable me to use the centre. Now with brown bag waste only being collected for 8 months it's going to be extremely difficult to get rid of waste during the winter months! Also the recycling centre seems to be closed more often because of H/S issues.

more community bins on the housing estates and more reliable and frequent emptying of existing bins in parks and town centre.

nappybin collections should be weekly. nappy bins smell

"Updates on recycling interesting Mistakes made What happens to it and how Changes"

- I like the service as it is, and the accessibility of the HWRCs is great, and the staff at Llanfoist are ridiculously happy and helpful. I can see the benefits of some change but would be wary of any move that resulted in even more space being required in the home to accommodate reusable bags and certainly not boxes.
- More dog poo bins in Portskewett please?
- Have a bag for life buy back scheme to save more plastic from the oceans
- The site at Monmouth is not fit for purpose, ie. too small & staff are not always helpful. I understand compacting & removal forces temporary closure but this can be extremely frustrating if you are restricted on time.
- I wanted to use the Welsh version of the survey I could see from the link that there was one, but the survey opened before I could select Cymraeg.
- The blocks of flats in Longfellow Road in caldicot are always putting loads of black bags and red and purple recycling bags out a week too early and animals are ripping them open and there is rubbish everywhere on the grass outside
- What about travellers who leave places in a terrible mess. They should be made to contribute to the cleaning.
- HWRCs provide an invaluable resource for everyone. If any were to close, flytipping would increase exponentially and Monmouthshire is already suffering from an enormous amount of flytipping. To close any HWRC would be a false economy and detrimental to our beautiful county.
- The police should also be more active in fining littering people. Then the message wouldn't be around.
- The council should reintroduce the free green waste collection
- Take away food should be the same price as eating in. Take away generates litter.
- I find it very difficult to keep to the one black bag a week as we are a family of five. Also because I drive a commercial vehicle I am unable to take any extra to the Llanfoist site. I usually have to borrow a car to do this which is very inconvenient. As a family we only drive commercial vehicles which are registered to our business so even though the waste is not commercial we are unable to take it to your sites which is why I have to borrow a car to do so. If you made it easier to deposit household waste I think you would find that littering and fly tipping would reduce greatly.
- More household waste items should be acceptable to be recycled to reduce the amount of waste such as clingfilm
- Only use one HWRC so cannot comment on closure of other sites. Driver should focus on driving, not litter being thrown from vehicle (particularly for groups of youths in one vehicle). National Deposit return scheme don't know what that is.
- If a child were to dispose of something from a vehicle and the driver was in the process of performing a manoeuvre to collect it, How would you allow for this?
- Single use Recyclable bags keep the streets cleaner with no waste blowing around so this saves on street cleaning costs & reduces litter. Box scheme, used in the past, resulted in lots of recyclables being blown about the street before the crews could collect. Reusable bags would blow away by the time I get home for work. Boxes, which have been used in the past, used to blow into the road & down the street. Boxes can also be difficult for people with long term health conditions or disabilities to lift & carry. Both your options would create trip hazards & danger to pedestrians, mobility scooter users, pushchair users & vehicles until people got home from work & collected them back in. Providing, of course, that they haven't blown away.
- Excellent on littering!
- The council should also ensure their staff do not through bins to block paths of public. Many times I have had to go onto the road with the pushchair as bins have been left along the middle of the paths.
- How do you police the litter offenders? You would have to employ many people at a high cost for very little return in fines. Also costly appeals. Owners of car can not be held responsible for others driving their car or as passengers. Fixed penalty notices should only be given if littering with intent..people that drop litter inadvertently should be warned and allowed to correct the issue. Common sense should prevail in any situations and fixed penalty notices should not be used as a means of collecting revenue.

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FACEBOOK



Comments from Facebook post. August 22nd 2018

Why do the metal / plastic purple bags and the red paper/cardboard bags just chucked into the same standard lorry and mashed together? What's the point of putting it into separate bags???

I have 4 bins in my kitchen and 2 outside when it appears that on collection the black and yellow get mixed and so do the red and purple oh and the food waste goes in with the garden stuff (which is £18 a bag!!!!!!)

I've stopped separating purple and red bags because can't see the point when it all goes in the back of same lorry to get squashed. Still recycling but all in purple bags!

Weekly yellow/nappy bag collections back please 😊

Bigger nappy bags to would help

I store mine in a separate sealed bin in the garage but it still smells.

Weekly nappy collection definitely, I prefer the smaller yellow bags personally so I'm glad they reduced the size of them but they need to start collecting them weekly. I understand why they changed it but without explaining to people the reason for it people weren't ever going to change.

The reason they are smaller is because they said the bigger ones were too heavy for staff. Smaller ones just accumulate triple the amount and as being collected every two weeks is not good

Put out a questionnaire to make it look like you actually give a s**t , before you change from fortnightly to monthly refuse collections to save a few bucks.

It's good that you are undertaking a review... but before you use resource on this can someone just get recycling bags to Magor!! Don't understand why we get treated so poorly!

"I'm not sure that mcc will read all these comments on here anyway so I'm hoping that everyone who has commented has taken the time to fill in the questionnaire too 🙏 I've just done it and it doesn't take very long at all."

Food,blst bags and yellow bags should be done weekly and if any bags should be don't every two weeks surely it should be recycling?

Bring back the garden waste for the whole 12 months?

Bring it back as part of our council tax. No extra payment for Garden waste.

Garden waste is a disgrace to have to pay extra on top of the council tax and expensive to boot

Agree, set up a system for us to obtain the composted material, instead of peat, which damages the environment.

I've seen the nappy bags go in wiv the black bags so y do we have to separate them

If you really cared what people want you would be doing weekly general refuse collections .

Bring back garden waste collections for whole year

I refused to pay the amount this year as it excludes winter months. I used the garden waste system weekly to dispose of my animal waste... needless to say I now put it into a black bag to the landfill!

Purple and pink bags,lol. It all ends up in the same heap at the tip.

"It's disgusting that we have our nappy bags collected once a fortnight! Have you smelt a two week old nappy?? For the extortionate council tax we pay they should go weekly and be disposed of properly not just "

Don't mind having to pay extra for garden waste removal as not everyone has a garden. Although, I think it should be for 12 months. I don't mind nappies every fortnight either. However, I am not sure why we are putting our recycling out in plastic bags! It would make more sense if we had a reusable wheelie bin to save all that extra plastic

Though the smelliest part is nappies they need to be weekly!! And please tell the bin men to stop putting the whole streets food waste in our brown bag!!! It stinks and gets maggots in it and to top it off they drag it across the street. Lazy!!! We pay for them bags.

Also the bin men need to take more care when emptying the blue bin the way they throw the bin all over the street is ridiculous, we've had to have 2 new ones in the last year due to them breaking our bins

I hope the flats having bins because keep all bags in said off the flats with kids not nice

"As long as the bins are big and have lids its a good idea"

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FACEBOOK



Large wheely bins - would be so much more hygienic x not got anywhere to put our recycling and it's attracting all sorts into our gardens. Thankyou for asking

Five lanes do a great job, new port residents need to stop dumping there though. It's our tax that pays for it. A swipe card system would help or a bar code system. 1 black bag a week for a large family is pretty unrealistic for even the best recycler. And the amount of times the bin men don't take my black bag with animal waste. I walk my dogs in the woods and still pick up mess for it not to be collected in our bins. Either provide animal waste bins at the forestry's or happily collect it from residents!

Done the questionnaire... I heard that quite a lot of recycling isn't actually recycled ...hope this isn't true, not much point me sorting it if it is through?

What's the point of taking a 'short' survey when you will charge us as much as you want with no explanation of where those charges are going?! Or where the savings being made are used - I have not seen any improvement in Chepstow area!

Weekly nappy collection definitely, I prefer the smaller yellow bags personally so I'm glad they rescued the size of them but they need to start collecting them weekly. I understand why they changed it but without explaining to people the reason for it people weren't ever going to change.

It's fine asking for big bins or boxes but where can they be stored I have no back entrance so would have to sit out front all the time. I'm happy with the bag system but agree yellow should go back to weekly

Agree with the comments regarding the yellow and black bags. Weekly collects are really needed for these. Not sure I agree with making them bigger though. I find a full bag of saturated nappies very heavy already. I think anything bigger would be hard to lift and at risk of breaking.

Would also help if the grass maintenance people didn't break ur food waste bin every time they cut th grass !!!! lazy and bloody careless!!!!

I would like a solid black bin, I'd be happy to pay for one and have it delivered or tell me where we can get it. They have the bins for it in Glos. It is safer for Refuse Collection staff too. I'm happy with the frequency and don't laugh, but wash waste that goes into the black bag so it doesn't smell and tins.

Moved away from Monmouthshire but interested in what happens. We have recycling boxes for cardboard and reusable bags for plastics in Newport. The boxes are much better so would vote for that if I could. Agree with the 5 lane comments. However I can't blame people from Newport using them with the poor opening times of the facility here as people are queuing an hour some days to get in and out. They need improve it first to reduce the issues at 5 lanes.

Why does every council officials n Wales have a different system 23 of them. Massive duplication of costs. No benefits of standardisation

You spend time and effort keeping it separate then they mix it up. !? I know a few who just put it all in one bag because of seeing this.

Would hate to have wheelie bins. If you live in a terraced row where would you store them - access for prams and wheelchair users etc then becomes a problem.

Grass maintenance need to keep up as our gardens in the flat have not been touch for nearly 10 weeks now so over grown and the tree but yet that okay

Big recycling bins. This will stop dogs/cats/birds ripping into the bags!!!

Recyclable recycling bags would be good rather than plastic ones - seems a bit ironic really.

I agree we need wheelie bins. Although I do know that this is not possible because you don't have the correct type of vehicle to lift them

Don't hate me but wouldnt towelling nappies be cheaper and more environmentally friendly?

Would be nice if we could have a bin to put our bags in!!!! Other authorities ie torfaen Do!!!!

Yellow waste bags to be collected every week definitely!!!

Definitely yellow bags to be collected weekly please

"It's rubbish in Clydach south! We get forgotten every week !!!"

Why do people in carbon close in Monmouth put the recycling in our big black bin out the front

Instead of bags give proper bins

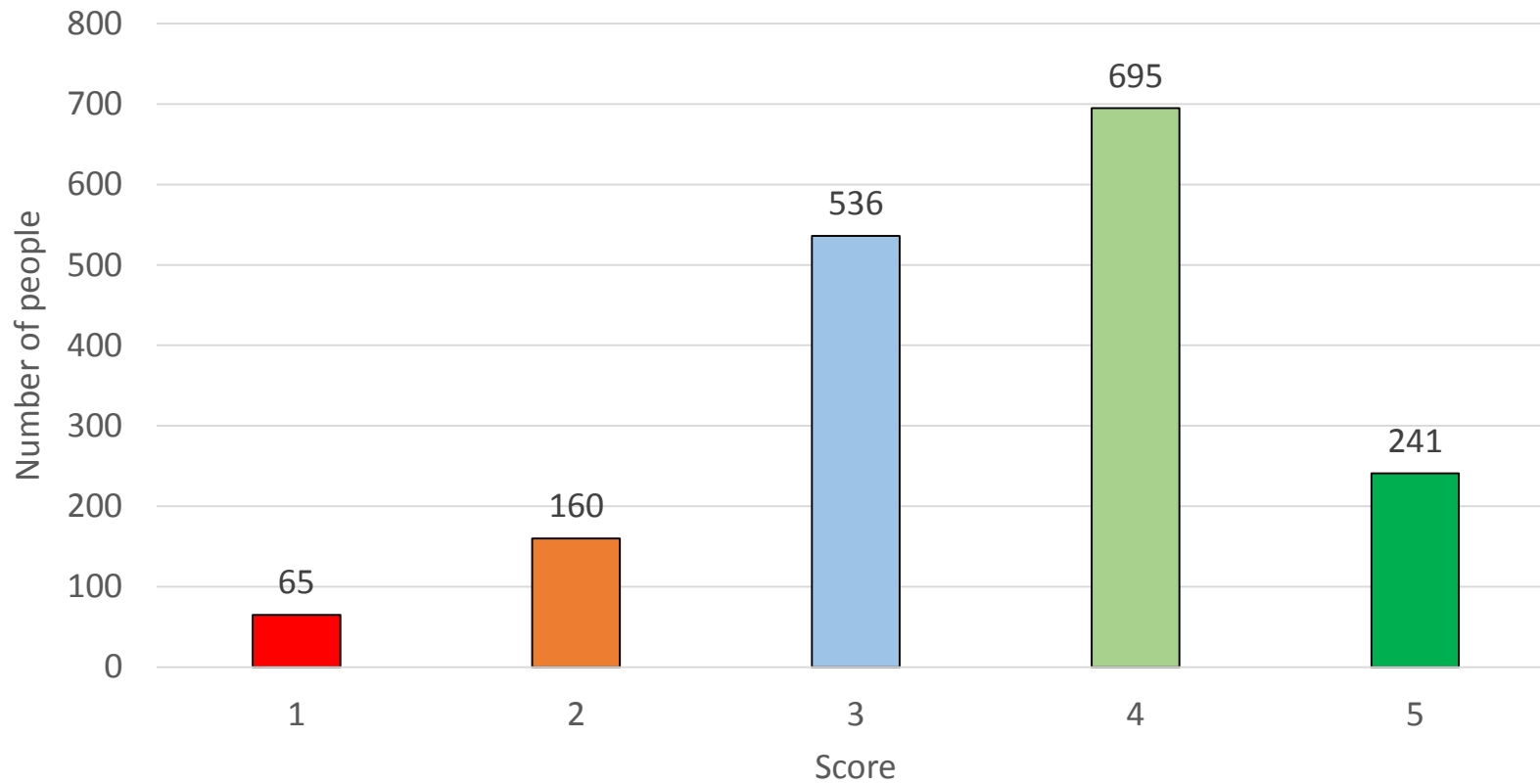
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Waste Questionnaire 2018 Results

1721 responses to the questionnaire

99% of responses were from
Monmouthshire residents

Would you please rate our current waste collection service from 1-5?
(5 being a perfect service)



**87% of residents
rate our service
3 or above**

Key themes from residents who gave a low score

“Bring back weekly collections.”

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“Bags are always ripped open by animals.”

“Why separate when it’s thrown in together?”

“Yellow bags should be collected weekly!! They stink!!”

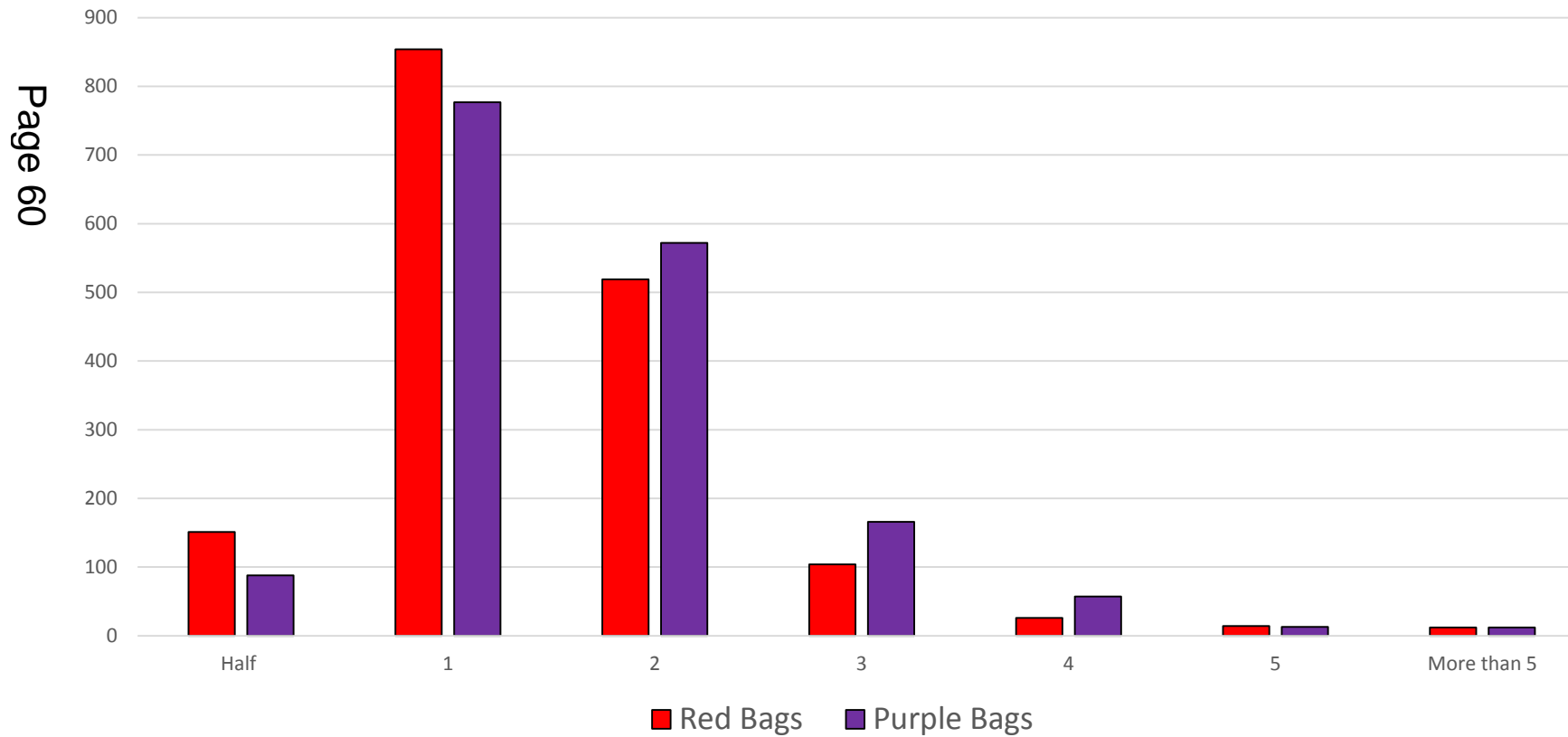
“Shouldn’t be using single plastic.”

“1 black bag per week is not enough.”

“They both been chucked together in the same lorry and pressed together so what is the point of separating.”

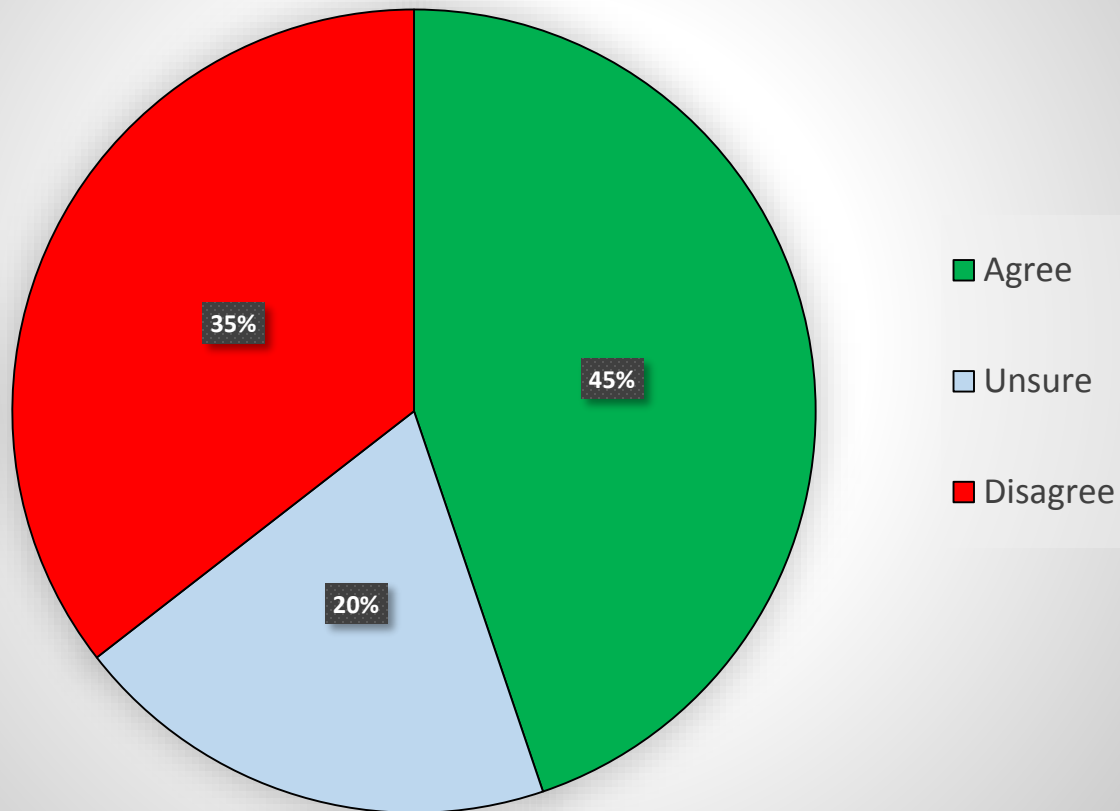
What should we do with our service questions

How many red and purple bags to you place for collection each week?



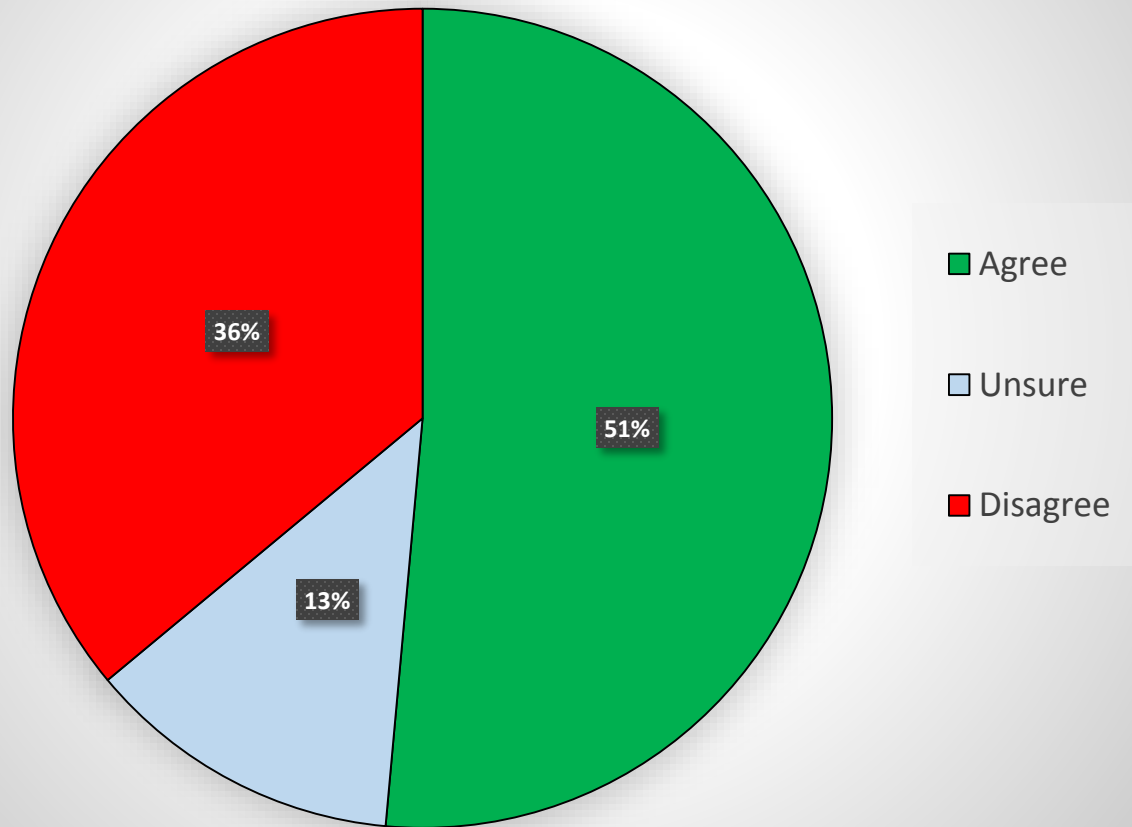
90% of residents put out 2 or less bags each collection

The Council should supply reusable red and purple bags for recycling collections instead of single use plastic bags?



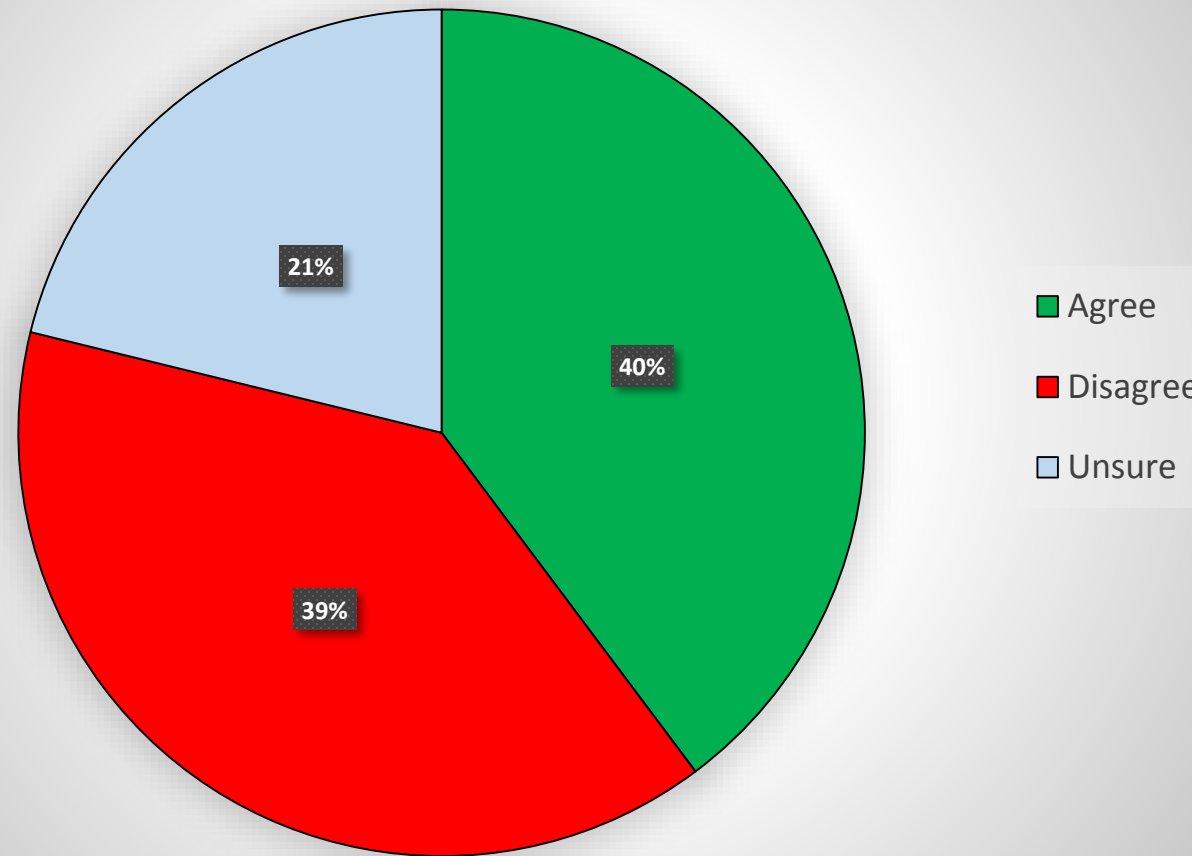
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The Council should supply reusable plastic boxes for recycling collections instead of single use plastic bags



The majority of residents would be happy with reusable boxes

Reusable bags will be convenient and easy to use



Key opinions on reusable bags/boxes

“Wheelie bins would be even better.”

“They will cause less single use plastic waste.”

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“Would be good to get rid of the plastic bags.”

“Why change the only thing in Monmouthshire that works well?”

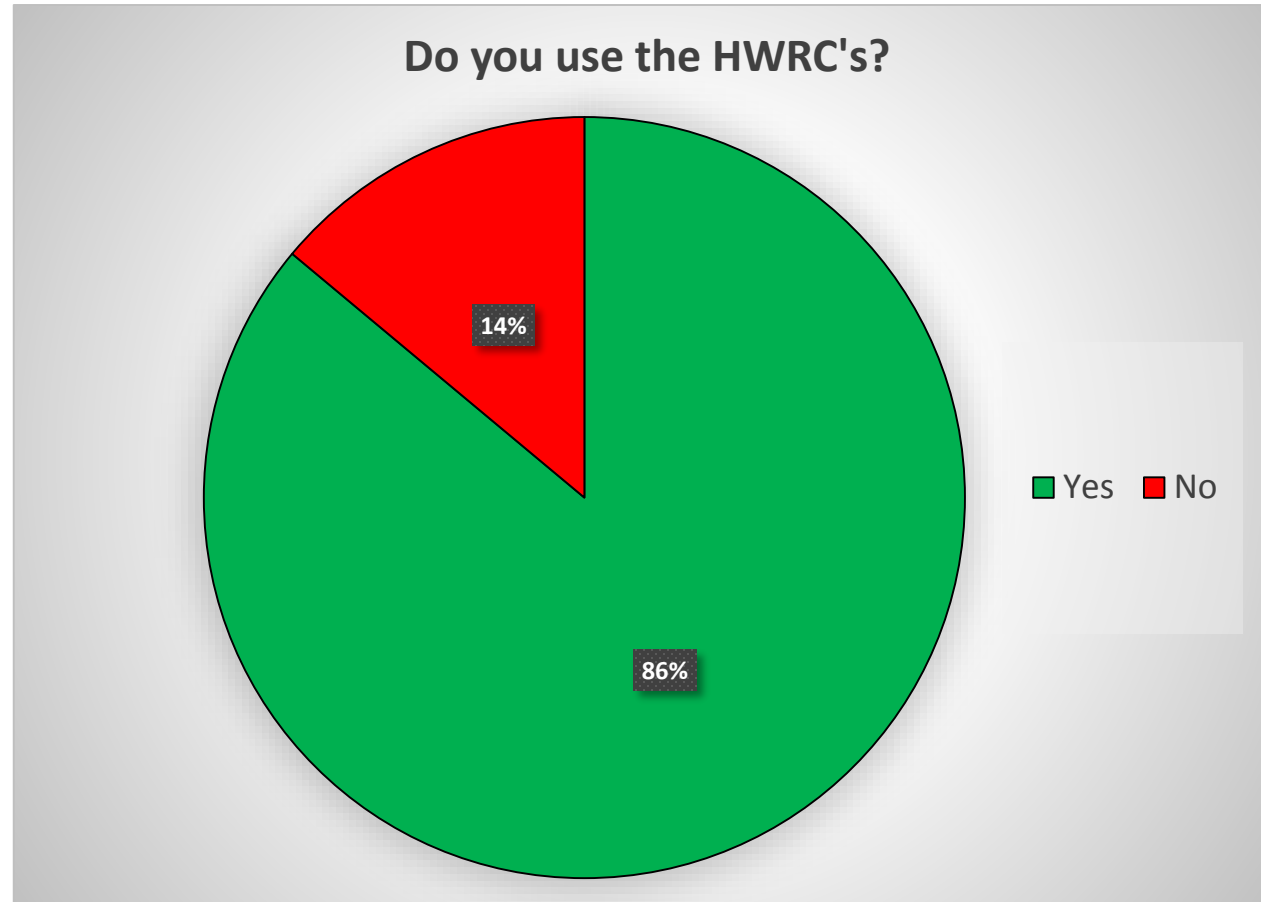
“Reusable bags similar to the green waste bags.”

“I feel a box would be easier to keep clean than a bag.”

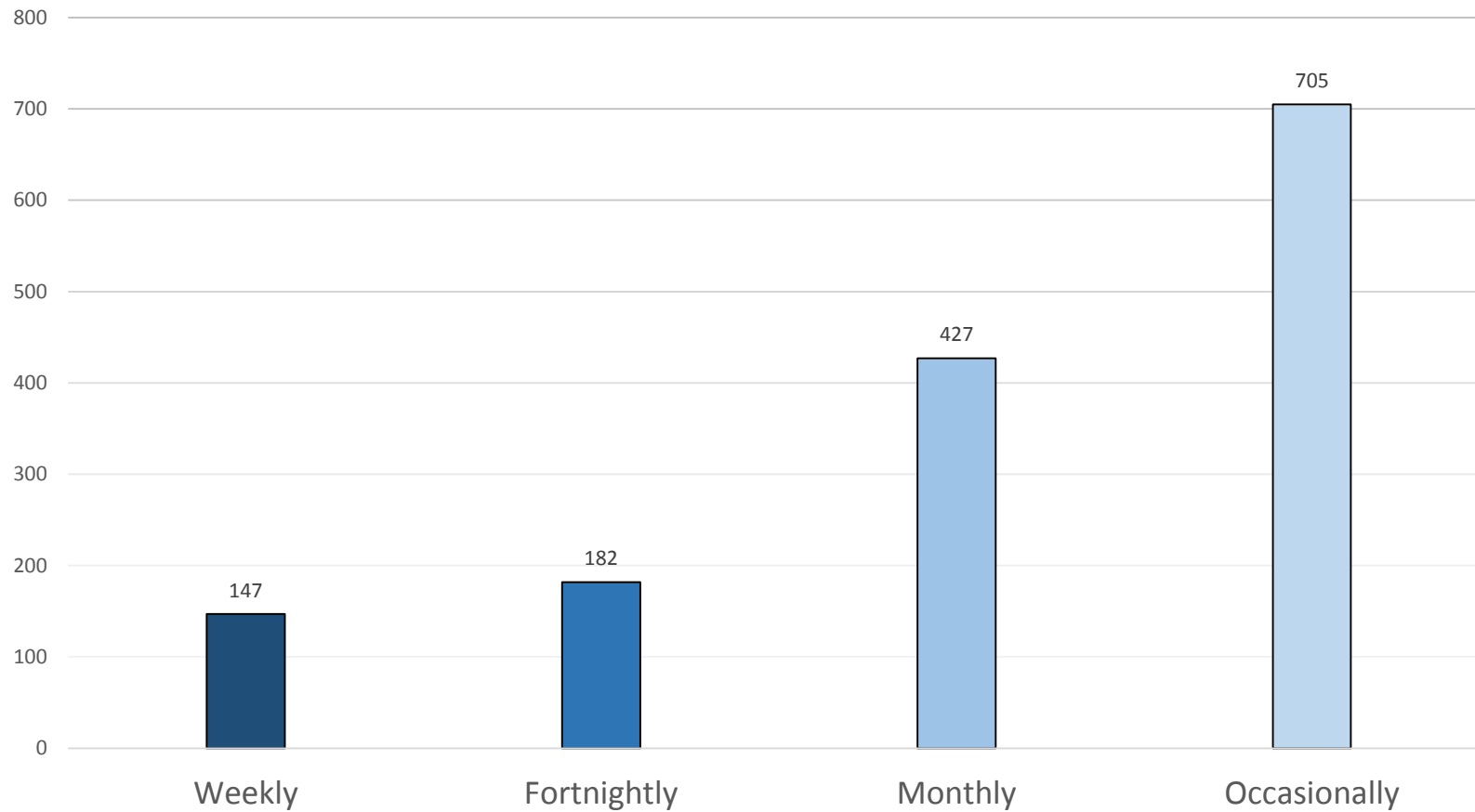
“I don’t have anywhere to store them outside.”

“Worried that things would blow out of boxes, unless some sort of netting for over the top.”

Household Waste Recycling Centre questions



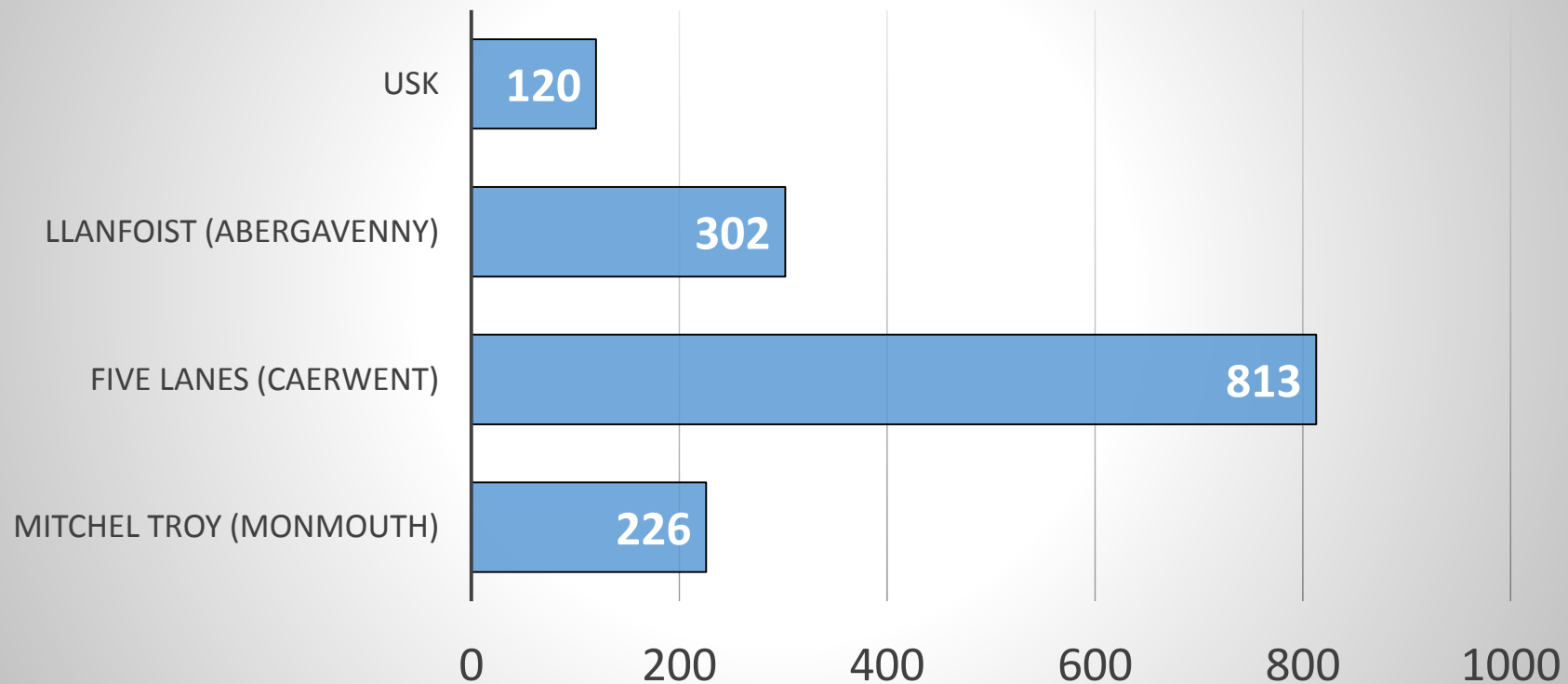
HOW OFTEN DO YOU USE THE HWRC?



9% of residents are using the HWRC every week

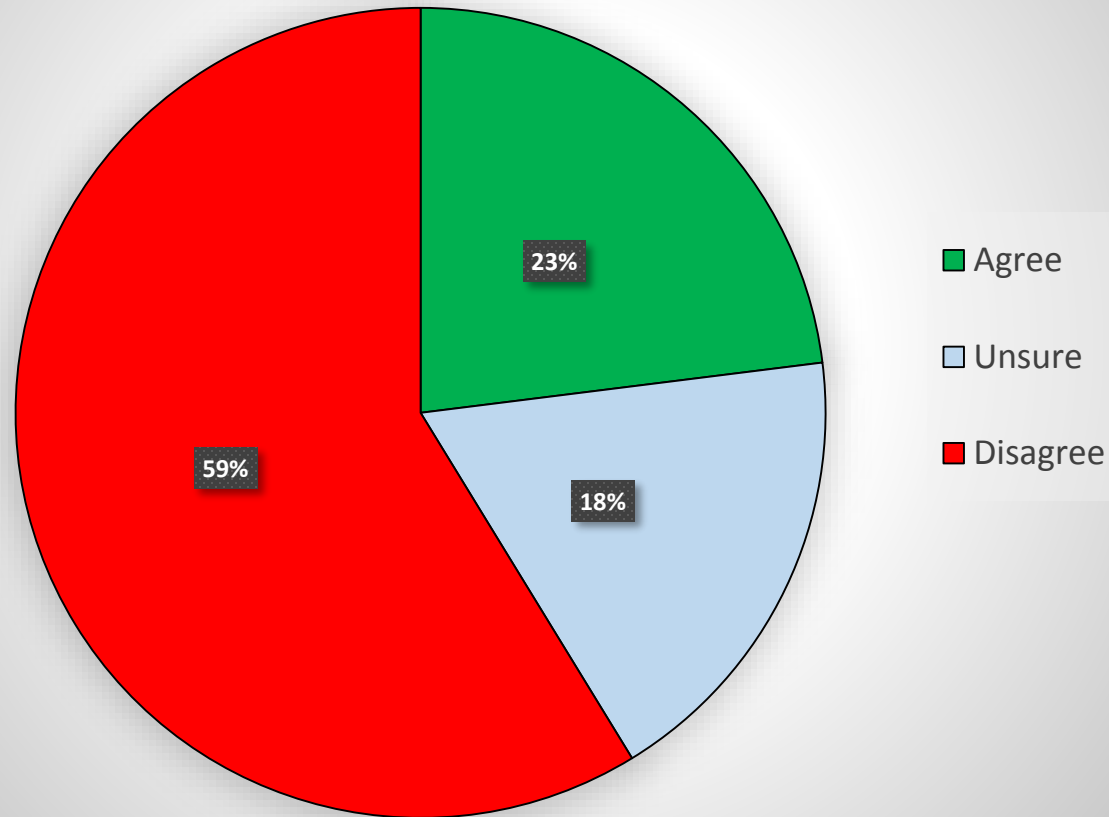
Which HWRC do you visit most often?

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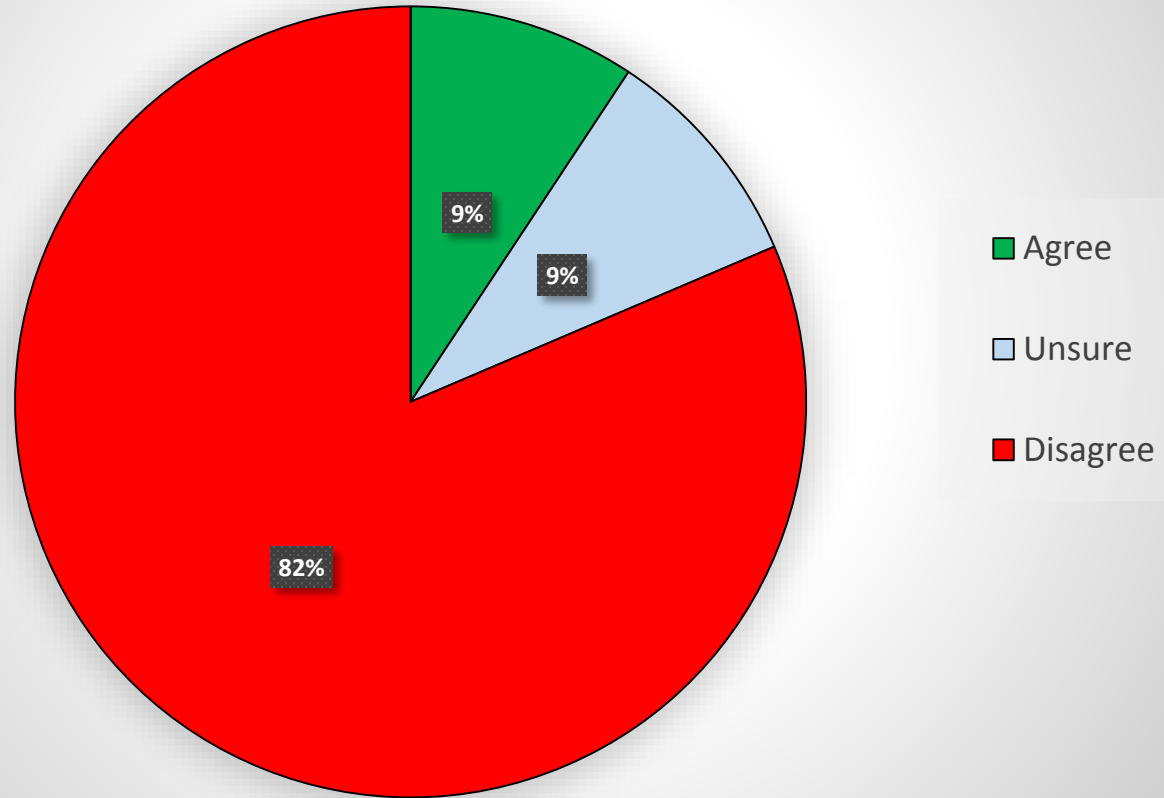


This could be slightly misleading as we didn't ask where the residents live

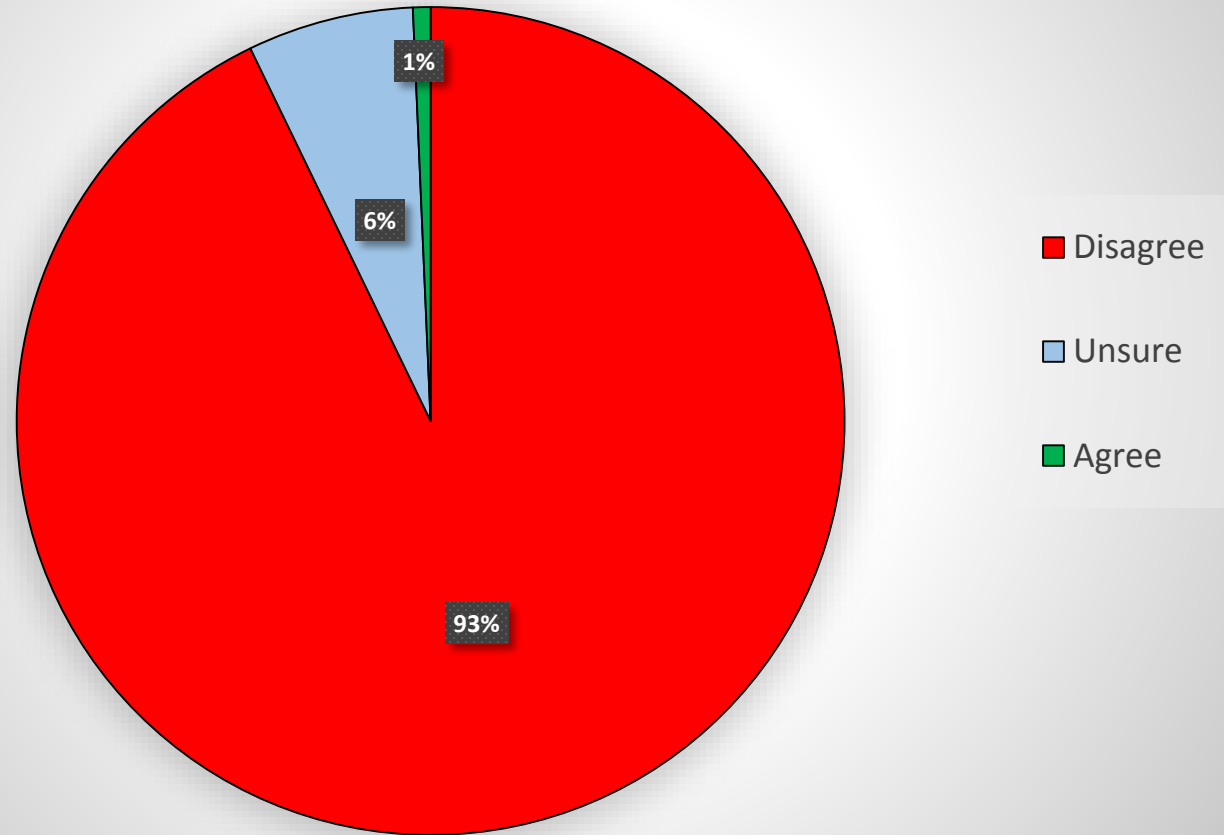
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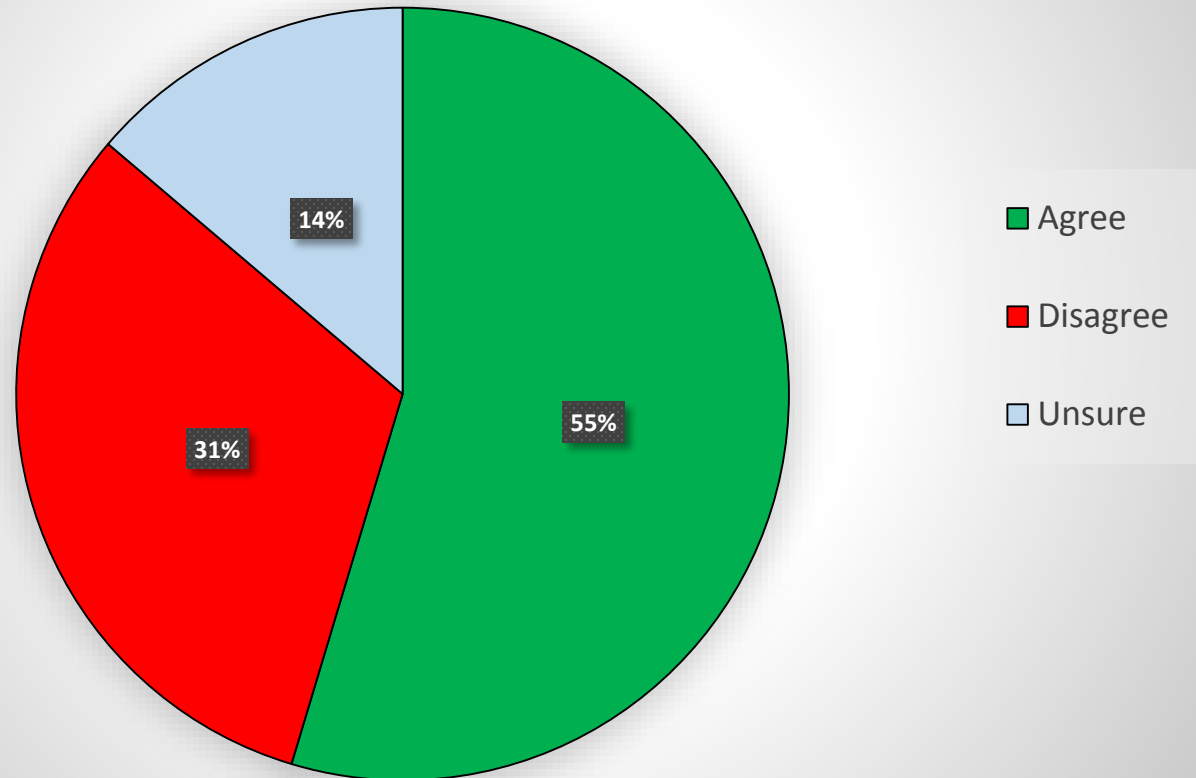
The Council should reduce the number of days the sites are open during the week



The Council should close one or more of the sites

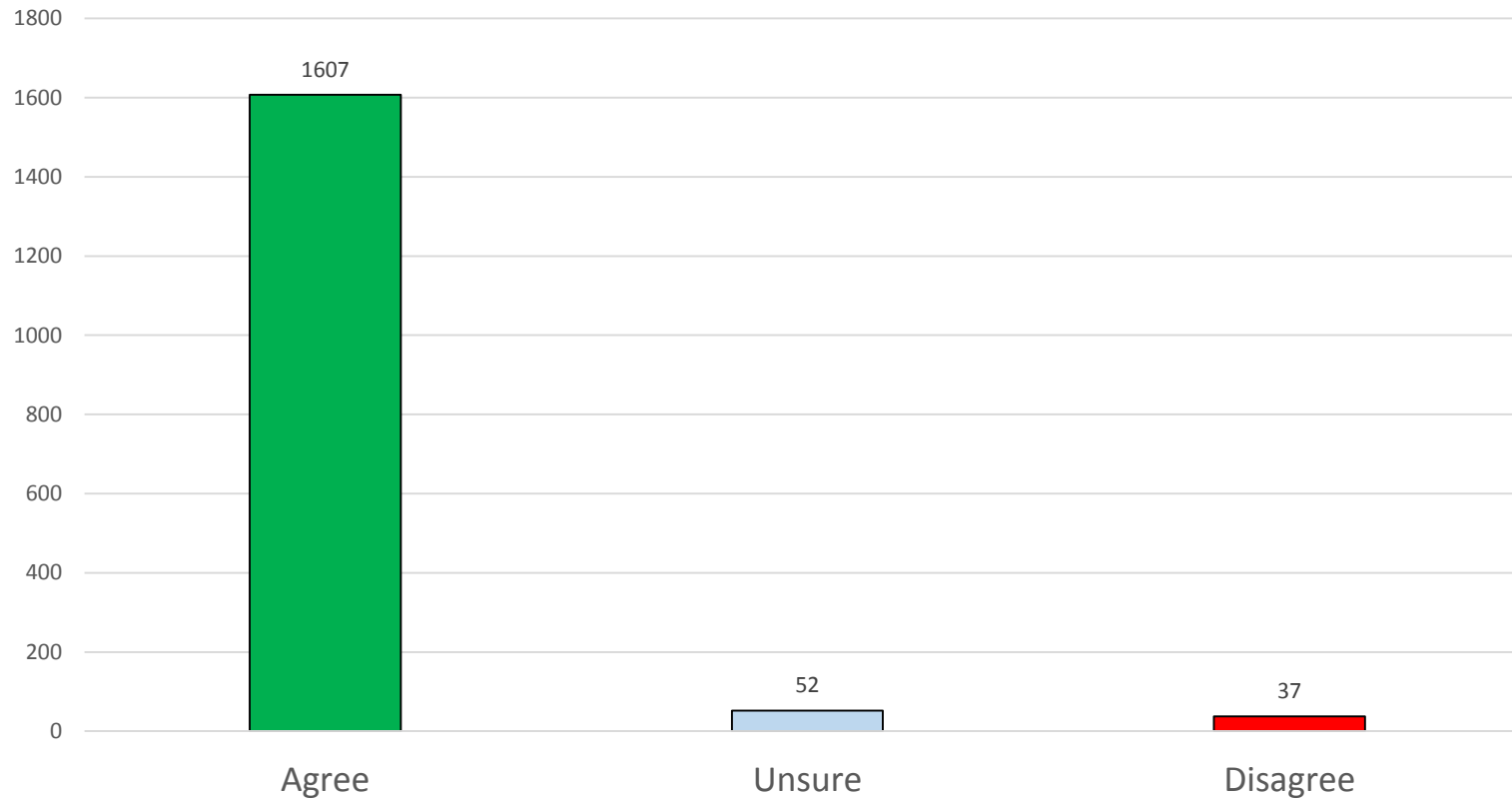


The Council should restrict access to the sites for non-residents

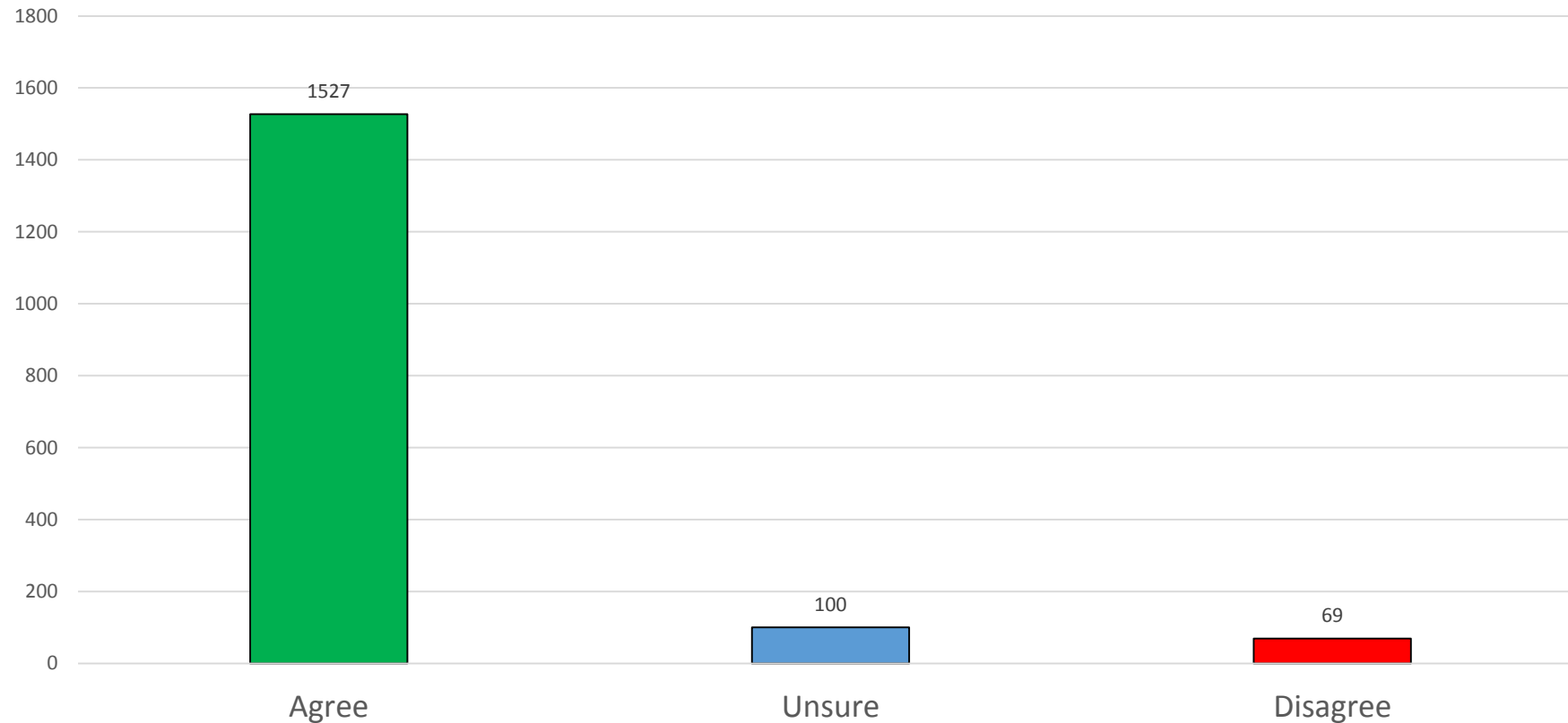


Cleansing and litter questions

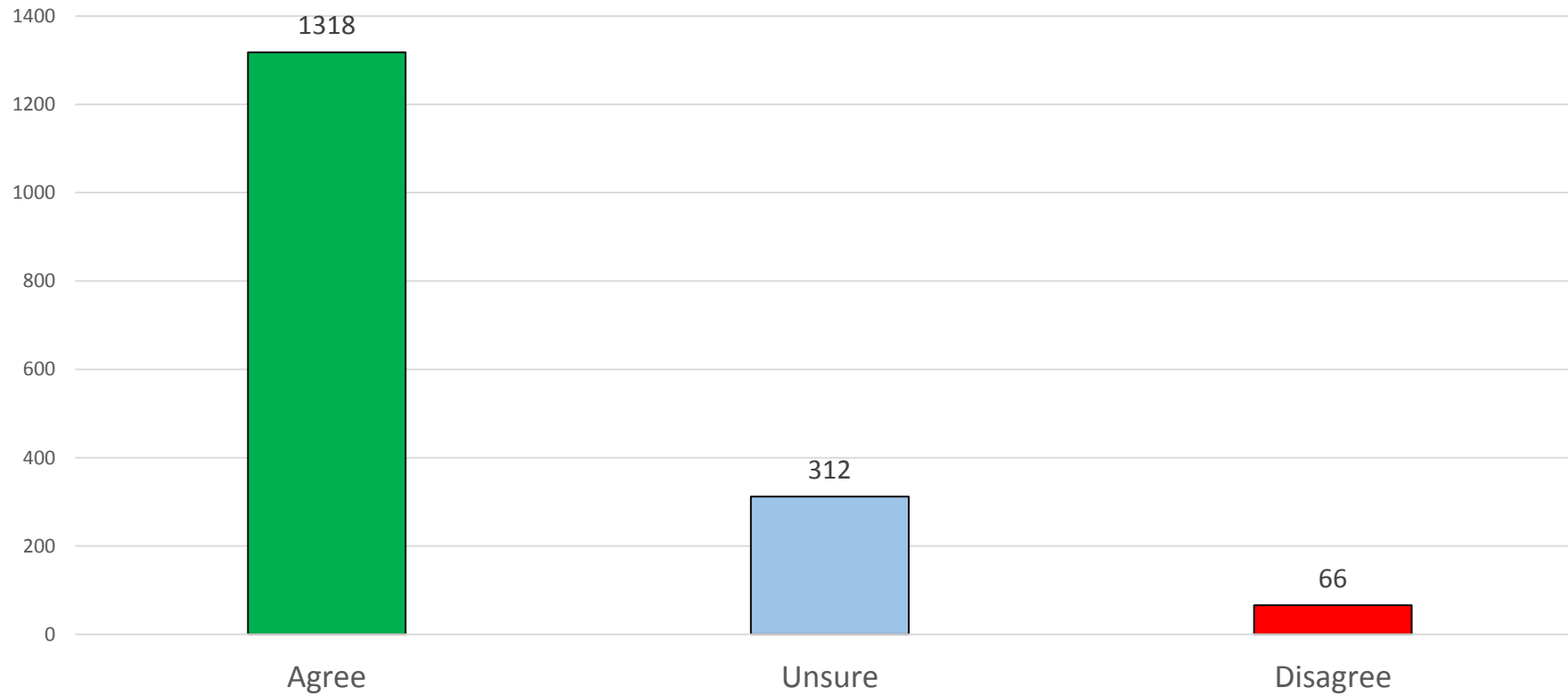
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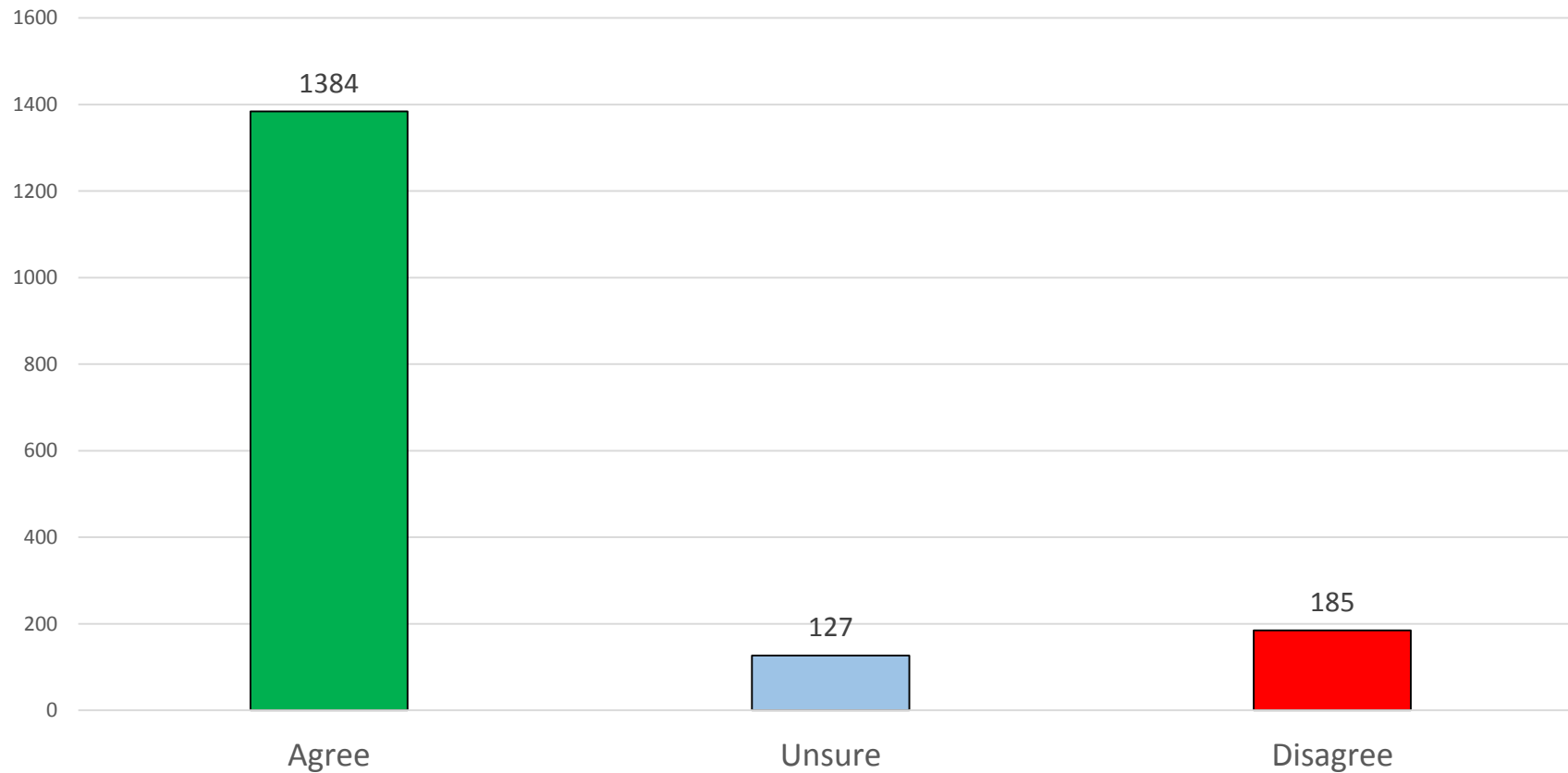
The Council should pro-actively issue Fixed Penalty Notices for people littering



The Council should support a National Deposit Return Scheme to reduce litter



The registered keeper of a vehicle should be held responsible
for any litter that is thrown from that vehicle



General opinions on the survey and service

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“Green waste collection should be for 12 months.”

“The council should have some sort of badge to display in your car to prove you are a resident.”

“need to tackle people who allow dogs to mess without picking up”

“More dog waste bins.”

“Garden waste collection should be free. Council tax charges are high enough.”

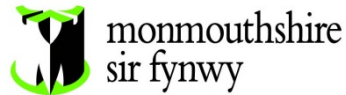
“Community service used more to clean streets.”

“People running businesses from home are not necessarily paying for business bags. Could this be tightened up?”

“Litter in public places needs to be addressed.”

“We would not object to the Usk HWRC being closed 2 days per week BUT not on Fridays or weekends.”

“Thank you, I do believe we have an excellent service in Monmouthshire.”



SUBJECT:	HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES (HWRC) – PERMITS, PROCUREMENT AND PROVISION
MEETING:	STRONG COMMUNITIES SELECT
DATE:	6th DECEMBER, 2018
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

1. PURPOSE:

This report seeks Members views on the procurement activity in relation to the management of our Household Waste & Recycling Centres HWRC, future provision of the sites and the introduction of a permit scheme for Monmouthshire residents.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 To approve the introduction of a resident permit scheme for use at the HWRC sites
- 2.2 To approve the day closures as set out in report
- 2.3 To approve the continued procurement and related activities in relation to the HWRC sites and to present the options to Council for decision following full analysis.
- 2.4 To consider options for full closure of HWRC sites (in particular the Usk HWRC given operational issues and usage),acknowledging that the authority is legally required to only offer one site within the county, and to agree what proposals to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Operations.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 Council budgets are under increasing pressure and services must look to innovative and new ways to achieve savings or deliver services with reduced funding. Monmouthshire has an excellent recycling rate record but we must be aware of changes in markets, public perception and the political landscape as well as innovation and legislative context when considering service changes.

- 3.2 Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 local authorities have a legislative duty to provide one Civic Amenity Site in county for the disposal of bulky waste items. MCC have four sites across the county, Five Lanes Caldicot, Llanfoist Abergavenny, Usk and Mitchel Troy Monmouth. The four sites provide excellent coverage for our residents. This is at significant cost to MCC and our existing contractor Viridor have indicated that the contract is not financially sustainable for them at the current price.
- 3.3 Of the four sites both Llanfoist and 5 Lanes offer a modern HWRC facility with capacity to manage a wide range of materials recycled at the sites. Troy is a popular site but it is not a suitable site for a modern HWRC. The actual size of the site is small and vehicular movement is constricted. It also requires some investment (a new compactor) to remain 'as is'. The temporary closure of the site to allow containers to be changed causes frustration for users who arrive to find the site temporarily closed. Usk is the least suitable for a HWRC site being situated in a car park requiring HGV movements within the car park. There is also some concern that the drainage is not up to date (requiring investment) and the platforms are failing and need replacing. The site occupies valuable parking space which is at a premium in Usk close to the commercial streets.
- 3.4 For almost 30 years the sites have been managed by Dragon Waste under a partnership agreement between MCC and Viridor. The original contract price and subsequent profit was based on landfill disposal plus recycling. Over the years there have been numerous contract variations to support more recycling and regional contracts i.e. Prosiect Gwyrdd and Heads of Valley Food Waste have removed the landfill reliance and reduced profitability of the contract.
- 3.5 Viridor have worked closely with MCC to facilitate these new contractual arrangements but have highlighted that the management contract for the sites is not economically viable without the landfill and organics elements. Viridor have provided MCC with revised costs for the management of the facilities for 2019 on. The early indications are that costs will increase from just over £1 million to £1.5 million although this also includes a profit sharing mechanism for recyclables rebate estimated at £100,000. Viridor have also provided a range of service provision reductions that could help to reduce the net effect of these cost increases but do not mitigate them completely.
- 3.6 It should be noted that the move from landfill and the regional contracts for food waste and garden waste have and will continue to save MCC over £700,000 per year on disposal of waste through Energy from Waste and £160,000 for food and garden waste processing. These savings have previously been built into MTFPs and mandates and the budget benefits taken.

- 3.7 In addition to management costs there has also been a rise in tonnages through the HWRCs during the last 18 months. This will be partly down to increased house building in the County but there are also historic cross border waste issues that have been identified.
- 3.8 Neighbouring counties have significantly reduced service provision at their HWRCs or introduced intervention schemes to increase recycling on site e.g. Black bag opening. This has increased the amount of cross border waste and in the most recent survey of site users over 15% gave out of county postcodes as their home addresses. The sites take almost 20,000 tonnes of domestic bulky waste per annum meaning 3000 tonnes of this waste could be from cross border traffic. It is difficult to provide an accurate value for this waste as there is no compositional analysis information but at the average estimated cost of £50 per tonne for treatment this equates to £150,000.

4. EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION (INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

- 4.1 Household waste recycling centres provide a well-used and highly regarded service to our residents. They are a critical element in a sustainable waste management service and provide opportunities to increase the recycling of bulky waste. The sites are open for the longest hours in South East Wales and make the disposal of waste items very easy for residents.
- 4.2 The proximity of Monmouthshire's HWRCs to the borders mean the sites are also well used by residents of neighbouring counties. From a site users perspective, taking waste to the nearest facility makes the most environmental sense. In the past we have discussed neighbouring authorities contributing towards the costs of these facilities but there hasn't been an appetite for these arrangements as most counties cite cross border waste as an issue.
- 4.3 The proposals within this report will impact all MCC residents in a fair and transparent way but should closures of HWRC sites be contemplated then, dependent upon which might be closed, residents may have to travel further to use a HWRC site.
- 4.4 There will be concerns of increased fly tipping that are raised with any waste service change but feedback from neighbouring authorities suggests they have not reported increases in fly tipping following these types of interventions. This may be due to the waste being transferred to MCC sites but this is unlikely to be a determining factor in fly tipping behaviour.

**5. OPTIONS APPRAISAL:
Permit Scheme**

Option	Benefit	Risk	Comments
Do Nothing	No change for the public.	Cross border waste tonnages continue to grow.	MCC residents are negatively impacted with extended waiting times on site and additional closures for skip movements
Ask residents to bring a form of identity to sites on each visit	No additional cost to MCC in administering permits.	Difficult to check every vehicle effectively. Stopping every car will slow down throughput and increase waiting times on site.	Would need two forms of ID e.g. Utility bill, driving license to ensure MCC resident
Issue permits to every household	Permits are easily visible to site staff. Only residents in MCC will receive the permit	Residents pass permits on to friends and family outside of county. Residents lose permits and increase in admin	Lost permits can be reissued through MCS process. Residents can bring 2 forms of ID whilst waiting for replacement permit

Day Closures

Do nothing.	No changes for the public	No savings	
Close the sites as proposed by Viridor in Table 1 below	Savings achieved without full closures of sites. Impact on residents is limited, easy to advertise and understand.	Fly tipping increases. Sites become busier during peak times.	Viridor have provided data and these closures offer the greatest saving with no impact on Viridor staff working hours. Neighbouring authorities have not reported increases in fly tipping following these types of closures.
Seasonal closures, changes to opening hours, close sites	Savings increase.	Difficult to advertise, public become confused, increased fly tipping, public backlash, Viridor staff affected financially	Full savings in staff costs will not be realised as Viridor overheads on shorter days are the same.

Procurement

Do nothing. Remain in contract extension	No changes for the public	Costs continue to rise unchecked	
Go out to market with current provision	Contract tender is ready to issue, market	Tenders may exceed affordability envelope,	Viridor have provided data and these closures

	will tender best price, fair and transparent	market wants assurance of provision for contract term	offer the greatest saving with no impact on Viridor staff working hours.
Review contract affordability through shadow bid - cost the contract for in-sourcing	More accurate data on affordability envelope – potential to in-source will allow potential savings in the future and more adaptable to changes in service provision	Delays tendering process, TUPE implications, HWRC material marketability is reduced, limited knowledge in-house on managing HWRC and Transfer station provision	In-house provision gives greatest flexibility whilst reviewing service provision needs over coming years. TUPE of staff will bring a level of understanding and expertise.

Full Closure (one or more HWRC sites – at least 1 to remain open)

Do nothing. Maintain 4 HWRC sites (Llanfoist, 5 Lanes, Troy and Usk)	No changes for the public	Opportunity to reduce service costs is lost.	Greater provision than legislative duty
Close Usk HWRC	Releases additional car parking, removes an unsuitable site, reduces cost	Negative feedback from users who have to travel further to a HWRC site.	Usk is highlighted due to the problems associated with keeping the site open. Operation of the site is of H&S concern (Viridor and NRW) and to facilitate HGV movements several car parking bays are lost. The site requires investment to retain as is and it doesn't reflect a modern HWRC site.
Close Usk and Troy HWRC sites retaining only Llanfoist and 5 Lanes (where transfer stations are also sited)	Usk in particular but also Troy require investment to keep them operational. Closure would remove the need to invest and reduce operating costs whilst HWRC sites remain available in the North and South of the county.	Negative feedback from users who have to travel further to a HWRC site	The Troy site is busier than Usk and offers a wider range of materials that may be recycled but the more modern sites are located at Llanfoist and 5 Lanes.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA:

We continually monitor the contract and provision of HWRC sites. Bi annual customer satisfaction surveys.

7. REASONS:

The costs of operating the HWRC provision is increasing year on year and is now at a point where budget pressure requires consideration of what level of service might be provided in the future. The proposals would allow us to reduce out of county waste traffic, keep sites open all year and reduce costs and/or close certain sites.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Permits

Issuing permits to every household could result in gross savings of approximately £150,000 from reduced tonnages. There will be initial costs of permit production and postage of £40,000 and there would need to be security/meet and greet staff employed for the first six months on each site estimated at £80,000. Giving £30,000 saving in yr. 1. Subsequent years will see intermittent use of meet and greet staff and reduction in permit costs with estimated saving from second year of £80,000.

Procurement

Initial estimate from Eunomia of £10-15k to carry out shadow bid and in-sourcing review. Little capacity within WSS to carry out this work with Recycling Review implementation pending and tendering for MHA contract.

Day Closures

The proposed day closures in the table 1 below will give an annual saving of £72,000

Table 1 – Proposed Closure days

Site	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Llanfoist	0800-1800	Closed	0800-1800	0800-1800	0800-1800	0800-1800	0800-1800
Troy	0800-1800	0800-1800	0800-1800	Closed	Closed	0800-1800	0800-1800
Usk	Closed	Closed	0800-1800	0800-1800	0800-1800	0800-1800	0800-1800
Five Lanes	0800-1800	0800-1800	Closed	0800-1800	0800-1800	0800-1800	0800-1800

Table 2 - Other options reviewed and estimated savings

MCC Proposals		Cost Savings					Staff Impact		
References	No. of Hours	Reduction of Hours	Current Staff	Temp Staff	Less Cost of Addition Mileage	Total Savings	Staff Pay Reduction %	No. of Staff Allocated	Average Reduction/ Persons
Table 1 Current Service Provisions	14,440								
Table 2 Closure of Usk & Troy 2 days per week	12,360	(2,080)	£0	(£48,781)	£1,086	(£47,696)	0%	0	£0
Table 3 Closure of Usk	10,830	(3,610)	£0	(£70,209)	£955	(£69,254)	0%	0	£0
Table 4 Standardised seasonal hours	11,576	(2,864)	(£38,866)	(£14,618)	£0	(£53,484)	-15.60%	11	(£3,137)
Table 5 Seasonal Opening & Closure of Usk 2 days/4 days summer/winter & closure of Troy 3 days winter*	9,728	(4,712)	(£39,270)	(£70,888)	£623	(£129,535)	-15.78%	11	(£3,171)
*Approved to extend Troy/Usk winter hours to 8 hours/day									

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Alternative Proposals		Cost Savings					Staff Impact		
Alternative Proposals	No. of Hours	Reduction of Hours	Current Staff	Temp Staff	Less Cost of Additional Mileage	Total	Staff Pay Reduction %	No. of Staff Affected	Average Reduction/ Persons
Alt 1 Close Usk & Troy 2 days and FL & LL 1 day (TS open 7 days)	11,340	(3,100)	£0	(£72,061)	£0	(£72,061)	0%	0	£0
Alt 2 Close Usk, Close TR, FL & LL 1 day (TS open 7 days)	9,270	(5,170)	0	(93,634)	2,401	(£91,233)	0%	0	0
Alt 3 Close Usk, Close TR 2 days, FL & LL 1 day (TS open 7 days)	8,760	(5,680)	0	(99,629)	2,401	(£97,228)	0%	0	0
Alt 4 Close Usk, Close TR, FL, & LL 2 days (TS open 7 days)	7,740	(6,700)	0	(101,705)	2,401	(£89,304)	0%	0	0

Full Closure – Usk

As is shown in Table 2 it is estimated that closure of Usk HWRC site will provide a service costs reduction of approximately £59,000 but equally the site will require significant investment to keep it open and at an acceptable standard. There are concerns that the drainage is insufficient and requires a modern interceptor system and the platforms beside the containers are failing and require replacement. The range of materials that are accommodated at the site is limited and even after investment it will not resemble a modern HWRC site.

Full Closure – Usk and Troy

It is estimated that full closure of Usk and Troy will offer a revenue saving of approximately £125,000 as staffing levels are similar. It avoids the investment demands for Usk (mentioned above) and investment required at Troy (new compactor). Neither site is particularly well situated to offer a modern HWRC facility with the Usk problems previously described and Troy being extremely small requiring frequent site closure for vehicles to change containers with resulting delay and frustration for users.

Full Closure Usk – 1 Day Closure Troy, Five Lanes, Llanfoist

Closure of Usk along with 1 day closures at the other facilities will give a saving of £93,000. This option gives greatest savings whilst retaining coverage across the County.

9. CONSULTEES:

Members waste workshop 2018
Public consultation 2018

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Public consultation papers
Viridor costing analysis

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Well-being and Future Generations Assessment

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<p>Name of Service</p> <p>Waste & Street Services</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation October 2020</p>

Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below? Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal.





Well Being Goal	How does the proposal contribute to this goal? (positive and negative)	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
<p>A prosperous Wales</p> <p>Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>Reviewing the affordability envelop and service provision will provide cost savings for MCC. This will ensure the long term viability of the facilities and continue to provide local employment opportunities.</p>	


Well Being Goal	How does the proposal contribute to this goal? (positive and negative)	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
<p>A resilient Wales</p> <p>Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	<p>Provision of quality HWRC sites ensures waste material is managed sustainably.</p>	
<p>A healthier Wales</p> <p>People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>		
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities</p> <p>Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected</p>	<p>Ensuring HWRC facilities are only used by residents of MCC will reduce waiting times.</p>	
<p>A globally responsible Wales</p> <p>Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local</p>	<p>Providing high quality HWRC services for residents to increase recycling and sustainable waste management.</p>	

Well Being Goal	How does the proposal contribute to this goal? (positive and negative)	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
social, economic and environmental wellbeing		
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation		
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	The sites are accessible to all the community.	

8.1 How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?

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 <p>Long-term Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>To ensure the long term viability of HWRC provision a full review of costs and reduction in tonnages is required.</p>	<p>Working closely with Viridor to identify savings.</p>
 <p>Collaboration Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>Working with Viridor to understand the impact on them and how we can ensure residents continue to receive a high quality service.</p>	<p>Contacted neighbouring authorities to discuss shared use of sites but limited appetite for this type of arrangement.</p>
 <p>Involvement Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>Discussed options with Members and senior managers at the Waste Workshop. Developed resident survey to gauge public opinion on this and list of other waste services options.</p>	<p>Ensure residents, Members and Viridor have opportunity to share views on the service changes at every stage</p>
 <p>Prevention Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>The long-term viability of HWRC provision is essential in meeting recycling targets going forward.</p>	<p>Ensuring that HWRC provision meets the needs of the communities now and going forward.</p>

Sustainable Development Principle	How does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle?	What has been done to better to meet this principle?
 <p data-bbox="237 443 383 475">Integration</p> <p data-bbox="412 312 566 560">Positively impacting on people, economy and environment and trying to benefit all three</p>	<p data-bbox="589 312 1308 432">HWRCs are an essential part of sustainable waste management and provide opportunities to reuse and recycle a wide range of items.</p>	<p data-bbox="1330 312 2033 392">Exceeding our legislative duty to provide a single site in the County.</p>

Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below.

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	None	None	
Disability	None	None	
Gender reassignment	None	None	
Marriage or civil partnership	None	None	
Race	None	None	

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Religion or Belief	None	None	
Sex	None	None	
Sexual Orientation	None	None	
Welsh Language	All signage will be bilingual Welsh/English	None	

Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on important responsibilities of Corporate Parenting and safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect either of these responsibilities? For more information please see the guidance note

<http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Equality%20impact%20assessment%20and%20safeguarding.docx> and for more on Monmouthshire's Corporate Parenting Strategy see <http://hub/corporatedocs/SitePages/Corporate%20Parenting%20Strategy.aspx>

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	Not applicable	None	
Corporate Parenting	The proposals do not affect individuals and thereby do not affect or impact on the Council's corporate parenting and safeguarding duties.	None	

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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Strong Communities Select Committee held
at on Thursday, 15th November, 2018 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: County Councillor J.Pratt (Chairman)
County Councillor A. Webb (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: L.Dymock, L.Jones, R.Roden, L. Guppy,
V. Smith, A. Easson and R. Harris

Also in attendance County Councillors: B. Strong and D. Jones

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Hazel Ilett	Scrutiny Manager
Roger Hoggins	Head of Operations
Wendy Barnard	Democratic Services Officer
Mark Cleaver	Environmental Officer
David Jones	Head of Public Protection
Carl Touhig	Head of Waste and Street Scene
Cath Fallon	Head of Economy and Enterprise
Gareth Walters	Trading Standards & Animal Health Team Leader
Susan Parkinson	Education And Awareness Officer

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies for absence.

1. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

2. Public Open Forum

The Chair introduced Mr. D. Jackman, Mrs A. Jackman and Mrs. M. Collins, members of Crucorney Environmental Group, who addressed the Select Committee in respect of the item to consider the draft Litter Strategy.

Mr. Jackman explained that the Group:

- Has many volunteers who are involved in litter picking and other environmental activities in the Crucorney community, collecting 350-400 bags of litter annually;
- Is frustrated at the lack of support received from the Council;
- Wants more prominent signage to seek the co-operation of visitors to the National Park to maintain the natural beauty of the area; and
- Asks that the council fulfils its responsibilities to keep its roads and land clean and litter free.

The Group requested that the Council uses its authority and resources to deliver a more effective anti-litter strategy to include:

- Education – aimed at secondary schools and colleges in particular;

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- A publicity campaign to raise public awareness of the menace caused by littering and the cost to the environment;
- Wardens and Police Community Support Officers to be given powers and training to enforce fixed penalty notices for littering (research confirms that enforcement and penalties must be part of any effective litter prevention campaign);
- Partnership with local businesses to show a united front against litter (particularly fast-food, convenience shops, supermarkets and service stations); and
- A measure of litter that is better than LEAMS to include rural areas.

3. Public Protection Performance Report

Purpose:

To undertake scrutiny of service delivery across Public Protection services in the first six months of the 2018/19, with comparison to previous years. The Public Protection division comprises of Environmental Health, Trading Standards & Animal Health and Licensing.

Recommendations:

1. To consider and comment on the contents of the report entitled 'Public Protection Performance report 2018/19, first 6 months'.
2. Members receive one annual performance report in future years, to be scheduled in May of each year. In this way, Officers will be able to avoid duplication by sourcing performance information from annual statutory returns. The Division's 2018/19 performance would therefore be reported to this Committee in May 2019.
3. Members receive one further report each year, to focus on a specific area of interest, adding value to service prioritisation. Officers will be guided by Members as to their particular areas of interest. On this occasion, a service focus on a Trading Standards topic will supplement the six month performance report.

Key Issues:

1. In January 2015 Cabinet requested that Public Protection performance was reviewed regularly by this Committee to assess progress over time. As a consequence six monthly reports have been provided to Strong Communities Select committee, together with annual reports to Licensing & Regulatory committee. As per recommendation 2.1 above, it is suggested this becomes one annual report, noting services are largely compliant with regulatory expectations, and customer satisfaction levels are typically high.
2. The attached report summarises performance over the first six months of 2018/19, and highlights the following:

- The four service teams, for the vast majority of the services they deliver, meet the Authority's legal obligations in relation to Public Protection services.
- As detailed in Appendix A, there has been an increase in reactive work over the first months of 18/19, to the detriment of some of our proactive work. An example would be a 29% increase in Public Health service requests equates to less proactive private water supply work, (as both functions provided by same Officers). Managers will continue to prioritise workloads and improve performance where required.
- Annual reports will continue to be made to this Committee to assess performance over time and help inform future priorities, noting the competing demands.
- Services may struggle to take on any new statutory duties that protect the public and the environment, and therefore funding must be sought to support any new work.

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- Future strategies for sustaining Public Protection services will be developed, (to include further income generation and collaboration), locally, regionally and nationally.
- Services will improve linkages to the Authority's Corporate Business Plan 2017/22 and other key drivers, for example the Chief Medical Officer Wales' priorities. The Head of Public Protection and the Trading Standards and Animal Health Manager provided a presentation summarising the performance report and focussing on scams in particular.

Member Scrutiny

The Chair acknowledged the wide portfolio held by the team and the increased pressures and demands that they face. Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking was highlighted as a future item.

- **Reporting:** The proposal to move to annual reports instead of 6 monthly in a time of change was queried. The Head of Public Protection agreed to provide an interim exception report each November to provide assurance to the Select Committee. Members wanted to know where and when pressures occur.
- **Ask for Angela:** A Member supported the "Ask for Angela" scheme that enlists the assistance of pub staff to provide an escape for vulnerable persons (e.g. those persons who may have met online or other circumstances). The Head of Public Protection confirmed that we support PubWatch schemes especially to encourage the safety of vulnerable individuals.
- **Car parking:** It was questioned how the change in responsibility for parking from the Police to the authority would be resourced. The Head of Operations explained that there is a small enforcement team to manage car parks. The change has the capacity to generate income where offenders are found and hoped to fund six enforcement officers. There will also be an opportunity to work with Public Protection colleagues on civil enforcement matters such as litter and dog fouling.

Committee Conclusions:

The Officers were thanked for an excellent presentation.

Select Committee Members looked forward to a debate on Brexit in the new year as the implications are far reaching for our rural communities.

4. Litter Strategy

Purpose:

To present to the Select Committee a draft of a new Litter Strategy and to obtain support and direction on priority areas for work so that the strategy can be finalised for submission to Cabinet.

Recommendations:

For Members to provide guidance to Officers on the areas within the action plan that should be prioritised over the next three financial years.

Key issues:

1. In recent years, public concern about the impact on litter has increased as have the public demands on the county council to improve its performance in managing litter. This increase in demand reflects changes in the types of litter, the causes of litter, and wider understanding of the impact of litter on the environment, economy and wellbeing.

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2. Despite best efforts in constrained times, last year the independent audit of street cleanliness in the county identified an increase in litter in our communities for the first time in a decade. Given the challenges faced by the Waste and Street services department over the last five to ten years, performance has held up well. However, with further cuts expected and increasing calls for action from the public, the department has reviewed its activity to ensure that its work appropriately targeted the challenges of today and in the coming years.

3. The outcome of the departmental review is to produce a litter strategy. Currently, there are national litter strategies for England and Scotland but not for Wales. Furthermore, this will also be the first publicly available local authority litter strategy in Wales.

Member Scrutiny:

The representatives of the Crucorney Environmental Group, having addressed the Select Committee in the Public Forum, remained for consideration of this item.

Questions were asked of the Group by Members as follows.

- **Signage:** A Member asked the Crucorney Environmental Group where a sign could be best placed to indicate the location of the National Park. It was responded that there are already signs in place but they should be more prominent and contain information about maintaining the special characteristics of the National Park.
- **Bins:** A Member enquired if bins are available on the route in question. It was responded that bins had been set up by the Environmental Group in laybys and litter hotspots. Volunteers monitor them and empty as necessary. It was explained that the Group funded four bins, McDonalds a further three bins and Landmark (Llwyn Celyn) funded one bin. The Head of Operations confirmed that bins are provided by the Council but it is also arguable that provision does not encourage refuse to be taken home and may encourage fly tipping. Trunk roads don't have bins provided.

The Recycling Strategy Manager, Environmental Officer and Education and Awareness Officer provided a presentation on the Litter Strategy and Members asked questions as follows:

- **Bins:** Members considered if provision of bins was the Council's responsibility noting that town and community councils often provide them. A Committee Member encouraged all Members to have a good relationship with their area supervisors who can advise on sites for dog bins and refuse bins and will tackle indiscriminate littering and fly tipping. It was explained that transparent bins are a cheaper option and easier to identify if they require emptying.
- **Pilot Scheme:** The Chair asked about the Llanvihangel Crucorney pilot scheme. Some signs printed on Correx boards ("Volunteers have recently litter picked this area") have been erected and environmental statements will be added to the new refuse collection vehicles. Litter levels will be monitored in the area to see if this is an effective deterrent and, if so, this approach can be rolled out across the county.
- **Litter:** The Officer offered the opinion that levels of litter in Monmouthshire are not particularly high but appear so because of its rural nature. Resources to address litter are mainly used within the towns and there is limited resources for rural areas. The litter strategy considers where the resources should be best spent. A Member supported the strategic placing of litter bins, in liaison with town and community councils, and more education particularly for secondary age pupils. Members agreed there is no excuse for littering, and advocated fixed penalty fines.
- **Enforcement:** The Chair asked if consideration had been given to issuing fines, noting that some Welsh councils use agencies to monitor and fine litterers. It was responded that there are options within the Litter Strategy. The Head of Public Protection informed the Select Committee that only a small number of fines have been issued for litter offenses but there have been eight prosecutions for fly tipping over the last four years. The change

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of responsibility for on street car-parking enforcement in April 2019 may provide some additional capacity to issue fixed penalty notices. The role of staff managing off street parking may be extended to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling, littering and on street parking.

Mr. Jackman provided some statistics that Monmouthshire County Council was the only Welsh Council not to have issued fixed penalty notices during a three year period and advised that successful Litter Strategies have fines and enforcement as a deterrent.

The Environmental Officer introduced the Litter Strategy, and answered questions as follows:

- **Chewing Gum:** A Member raised the issue of persons discarding chewing gum. It was explained that some of the manufacturers have a fund to which applications can be made mainly to encourage behavioural change.
- **Education:** A Member advocated the option for enforcement and infrastructure, and emphasised the importance of education of young people. It was suggested that a poster competition could be sponsored by businesses. In response to a question, it was confirmed that more work should be done with businesses in terms of education in terms of customers' disposal of packaging and employee behaviour. It was confirmed that those businesses contacted have been supportive. It was suggested that good behaviours could be successfully promoted through social media, and also that the housing associations could take a larger role e.g. to address refuse being put out too early. Members agreed that prevention is crucial and reported that the housing associations in some areas were very helpful.
- **Fly tipping:** It was explained that identification of perpetrators of industrial waste fly-tipping is difficult and prevents enforcement. The Recycling Strategy Officer said that the main enforcement areas are for fly-tipping, industrial waste, putting refuse out early and also litter. It was agreed to review strategy for siting and purchasing bins, and to include promotion involving businesses. County Councillor D. Dymock offered to be involved in consideration of partnership with businesses. Members also accepted the role of the community in eradicating litter. In response to a question, it was explained that fly tippers have been identified through intelligence gathered from the discarded waste with addresses on e.g. letters.
- Deposits on bottles and cans were suggested to encourage their collection.
- Litter must be addressed at source and it was questioned how to measure success.

Committee Conclusions:

The Chair concluded that this had been an interesting debate and summed up that:

- The Select Committee would welcome feedback on the outcome of the pilot in the Llanvihangel Crucorney area;
- It would be more relevant to have our own measure of cleanliness;
- It would be appropriate to have a further meeting to follow up on working with businesses and schools to receive an update on e.g. a poster competition
- In terms of options appraisal, that priority should be given to consideration of enforcement and infrastructure.

The Chair thanked the Crucorney Environmental Group Members for their attendance, ideas, contribution and for holding the Council to account and looked forward to future working together.

The Chair thanked the officers for their attendance and contribution.

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5. Usk in Bloom - Performance Report

The Chair welcomed Mr. A. Kear, Usk in Bloom Chairman, and Cath Fallon, Head of Enterprise and Community Development who provided feedback on the success of the organisation over many years focussing on the £3000 one off contribution from the Council.

The Committee congratulated Usk in Bloom on its most recent accolade of being the Winner of Communities in Bloom (World) Small International Category 2018 awarded in Canada which was won on first time entry. It was agreed that this was an amazing achievement that puts us on the world stage and has increased visitor numbers to our county.

- Members paid tribute to the hard work of the Usk in Bloom volunteer team, appreciated the work with the children at Usk Church in Wales Primary School and the rebranding to Town of Flowers. It was suggested that there is an annual contribution as there is a great return on the investment.
- A Member asked for advice for other towns and villages that wish to participate and was informed that it has to be a shared community goal, and that the project is paid for through the goodwill of volunteers, work in kind and the support of businesses.
- It was noted that Llanbadoc Community Council contribute financially.
- A Member expressed interest in a peat free and bee friendly approach and was advised that Usk in Bloom has links with Bee Friendly and the Civic Society, and liaison with the County Council encourages a bee friendly environment in the town.

Committee Conclusions:

The Chair, on behalf of the Select Committee, thanked Mr. Kear for attending the meeting. The work of Usk in Bloom epitomised exactly what the Select Committee wants communities to be and it is hoped to continue financial contribution where possible.

6. To confirm minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed as a true record.

The Head of Operations referred to an action point from the last meeting following a presentation by Mr. Rogers regarding large vehicles in narrow lanes. It was explained that following correspondence, the local member and Head of Operations had met with Mr Rogers and a decision was taken to not impose any limit on the road. There was further correspondence via the complaints procedure, with Welsh Government and the Countryside Division. Correspondence continues and the Committee will be kept updated.

A Member was interested in the solution to this issue as there is a similar problem in Manson Lane, Monmouth.

7. Strong Communities forward work programme

The Chair commenced by stating that Officers are reminded to provide presentations suitably in advance of the meeting (so that e.g. font size can be checked) and preferably circulated with the agenda papers.

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The next meeting on the 6th December 2018 will be to consider Waste and Recycling only.

Suggestions for the forward work plan include:

- Highways Management Plan ~ Paul Keeble
- Large vehicles on small roads policy
- Chepstow and Monmouth Wye pedestrian
- Open Space Review ~ review of open spaces and the prioritisation and management of highways ~ strategic review rather than operational.
- Gwent Refugees and Asylum Seekers ~ progress report ~ Scrutinised by CYP Select on 29th November 2018. Committee to attend.
- Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking ~ topic raised by the Chair for in-depth scrutiny. The Chair and relevant Officer to meet initially with a view to initiating further work in the new year.
- Rights of Way – approval of review after formal consultation in spring ~ scrutiny of the policy that is likely to fall out of the review – prioritisation for public path orders; modification orders.
- Cremations and Burials
- Strategic Equality Report ~ 18th April 2019
- Welsh Language Monitoring Report ~ 6th June 2019
- Fire Service ~ Review by Welsh Government of the governance and funding ~ implications for Monmouthshire.
- Review grounds maintenance service

Thursday 29th November 9.30a.m.-4.30p.m: Visit to an anaerobic waste digestion facility and recycling processing plant (Open to all members).

An update was provided on the Speeding workshop attended by members to assess a process developed by the Road Safety Speed Steering Group. This work now needs to be completed.

It was explained that the authority will undertake more work to co-ordinate enquiries between the Police, Go Safe and Council. This will provide a better opportunity to manage enquiries better. The completed work will be considered again by the steering group before returning to Strong Communities Select Committee for scrutiny. Additionally, the Head of Operations explained about a pilot scheme in Gloucestershire that links automatic number-plate recognition and speed cameras. It was agreed that this may be of interest in Monmouthshire in the future.

8. Cabinet & Council forward work programme

The Cabinet and Council forward work programme was noted.

9. To note the date and time of next meeting as Thursday 6th December 2018 at 10am

The meeting ended at 12.50 pm

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Action List

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Minute Item:	Subject	Officer / Member	Outcome
4	Litter Strategy	Recycling Strategy Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Feedback from Llanfihangel Cruorney pilot scheme2. Consideration to a more relevant measure of cleanliness for rural areas3. Further meeting to consider partnership with businesses and schools e.g. poster competition

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Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2018

Strong Communities Select Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
15th November 2018	Public Protection Performance Report	Report of the performance of the service during the first six months 2018/19.	David Jones	Performance Monitoring
	Litter Strategy	Discussion on the proposed strategy and the outcomes of the pilot scheme.	Carl Touhig	Policy Development
	Usk in Bloom	Performance Report on the outcome of the competition given the Council's financial investment.	Cath Fallon	Performance Monitoring
6th December 2018	Waste and Recycling		Carl Touhig	Policy Development
New Year 2019 TBC	Traffic & Road Safety	To present a strategy for dealing with traffic and road safety	Paul Keeble	Policy Development
		To present the Speeding Management Process being worked upon by the Strong Communities Task and Finish Group) ~ following a public workshop to be held in September.	Roger Hoggins	

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Future Agreed Work Programme Items: Dates to be determined

- × **Highways Management Plan** ~ Paul Keeble
- × **Large vehicles on small roads policy**
- × **Chepstow and Monmouth Wye pedestrian**
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Emerging issues/topics to be raised with the committee before inclusion ~ some reports to be received by email for comment rather than in-depth scrutiny.

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Public Service Board Select Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
22nd January 2018	Draft Public Service Board Well-Being plan	Opportunity to scrutinise the draft before adoption	Matthew Gatehouse Sharran Lloyd	Pre-decision Scrutiny
	Discussion with Future Generations Commissioner Sophie Howe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commissioner's vision for the act and what it can achieve • The Commissioner's priorities • The role of PSB Scrutiny and the Commissioner's expectations 	Hazel Clatworthy	Performance Discussion
	Presentation on well-being engagement and measuring well-being at a community level	Understanding community well-being and how it is measured.	Abi Barton Rhian Cook	Presentation
21st March 2018	Deferred.			
4th July 2018	Regional Well-being work	An update about work happening at a regional level to build on wellbeing assessments and inform well-being plans.	Matthew Gatehouse Sharran Lloyd	Performance Update
	Well-being Plan ~ Emerging Priorities and Actions	An update report on the emerging actions being developed to deliver the objectives contained in Monmouthshire's Well-being Plan. This provides further detail on the steps that were published within the plan and which have been subject to further development by all partners of the Public Service Board ahead of its next meeting on 17th July.	Matthew Gatehouse Sharran Lloyd	Performance Update

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Public Service Board Select Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
10 th October 2018	To be confirmed.			

PSB DATES:

- 17th July 2018 10am
- 17th October 2018 10am
- 18th January 2019 10am
- 4th April 2019 10am

PSB SELECT DATES: TBC

- 4th July 2018 10am
- 10th October 2018 10am

Cabinet, Council and Individual Cabinet Member Decisions (ICMD) Forward Plan

Monmouthshire County Council is required to publish a forward plan of all key decisions to be taken. Council and Cabinet items will only be considered for decision if they have been included on the planner no later than the month preceding the meeting, unless the item is considered urgent.

Committee / Decision Maker	Meeting date / Decision due	Subject	Purpose	Author	Date item added to the planner	Date item originally scheduled for decision
Cabinet	06/06/19	Budget Monitoring report - month 12 (period 3) - outturn	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on the forecast outturn position of the Authority at end of month reporting for 2018/19 financial year.	Joy Robson/Mark Howcroft	17/04/18	
Cabinet	03/04/19	Play Action Plan/Play Sufficiency Assessments		Mike Moran	31/10/18	
Cabinet	03/04/19	Welsh Church Fund Working Group	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2018/19, meeting 9 held on the 7th March 2019.	Dave Jarrett	17/04/18	
Council	07/03/19	Final Budget Proposals		Joy Robson	11/09/18	
Council	07/03/19	Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20	To accept the annual treasury Management	Joy Robson	11/09/18	
Council	07/03/19	Council Tax Resolution 2019/20	To set budget and Council tax for 2019/20	Ruth Donovan	11/09/18	
Cabinet	06/03/19	2019/20 Education and Welsh Church Trust Funds Investment and Fund Strategies	The purpose of this report is to present to Cabinet for approval the 2019/20 Investment and Fund Strategy for Trust Funds for which the Authority acts as sole or custodian trustee for adoption and to approve the 2018/19 grant allocation to Local Authority beneficiaries of the Welsh Church Fund.	Dave Jarrett	17/04/18	

Cabinet - Special	20/02/19	Final Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals		Peter Davies	20/09/18	
Cabinet	06/02/19	Welsh Church Fund Working Group	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2018/19, meeting 8 held on the 17th January 2019.	Dave Jarrett	17/04/18	
Council	17/01/19	Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2018/19		Ruth Donovan	11/09/18	
Cabinet	09/01/19	Final Draft Budget Proposals or recommendation to Council.		Joy Robson	17/04/18	
Cabinet	09/01/19	Welsh Church Fund Working Group	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2018/19, meeting 7 held on the 13th December 2018.	Dave Jarrett	17/04/18	
Cabinet	09/01/19	Budget Monitoring report - month 7 (period 2)	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on the forecast outturn position of the Authority at end of month reporting for 2018/19 financial year.	Joy Robson/Mark Howcroft	17/04/18	
Cabinet	19/12/18	Draft Revenue Capital Budget Proposals	To outline the proposed capital budget for 2019/20 and indicative capital budgets for the 3 years 2020/21 to 2022/23	Joy Robson/Peter Davies	19/09/18	
Council	13/12/18	Capital Budget Report on 3rd Lane on Wye Bridge	Defer to December	Paul Keeble	20/09/18	
Council	13/12/18	Final approval of MonLife and MonLife Plus		Tracey Thomas	09/08/18	

Cabinet	05/12/18	Welsh Football League Pyramid - Monmouthshire Clubs		Mike Moran	05/11/18	
Cabinet	05/12/18	LA and Schools Partnership Agreement		Cath Saunders	26/09/18	
Cabinet	05/12/18	Reorganisation of ALN and Inclusion Services update	Cabinet consider objections received on the Reorganis	Debbie Morgan	25/05/18	
Cabinet	05/12/18	Welsh Church Fund Working Group	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2018/19, meeting 6 held on the 25th October 2018.	Dave Jarrett	17/04/18	
Cabinet	05/12/18	Council Tax Base 2019/20 and associated matters	To agree the Council Tax Base figure for submission to the Welsh Government, together with the collection rate to be applied for 2019/20 and to make other necessary related statutory decisions	Sue Deacy/Ruth Donovan	17/04/18	
Cabinet	05/12/18	Corporate Plan: Progress Report		Matthew Gatehouse	10/07/18	
Cabinet	05/12/18	Reviews of Fees and Charges	To review all fees and charges made for services across the Council and identify proposals for increasing them in 2019/20	Mark Howcroft	17/04/18	
Cabinet	05/12/18	Implementation of NJC revised payspine April 2019			09/10/18	
ICMD	28/11/18	Skills at Work		Cath Fallon	06/11/18	
ICMD	28/11/18	Panel Fees for Foster Carers		Jane Rodgers	17/10/18	

ICMD	14/11/18	Social Housing Grant Programme		Shirley Wiggam	25/10/18	
ICMD	14/11/18	Rural Allocations Policy		Shirley Wiggam	25/10/18	
ICMD	14/11/18	Family Support within 'Statutory' Children's Services Re-design of the Contact Service		Jane Rodgers	17/10/18	
ICMD	14/11/18	Review of Mardy Local Lettings Policy		Ian Bakewell	23/10/18	
ICMD	14/11/18	Proposal to extend supporting people contracts in 2019/20		Chris Robinson	10/09/18	
Cabinet	07/11/18	Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme, The Cross, Caldicot		Cath Fallon	12/10/18	
Cabinet	07/11/18	Cadetship Programme		Tracey Harry	20/09/18	
Cabinet	07/11/18	Structure Report		Roger Hoggins	20/09/18	
Cabinet	07/11/18	Project 5: Development of a Therapeutic Foster Care Service for Complex Young People		Jane Rodgers	30/08/18	
Cabinet	07/11/18	MTFP and Budget Process for 2019/20 to 2022/23	To outline the context and process within which the MTFP over the next 4 years and the budget for 2019/20 will be developed.	Joy Robson	17/04/18	

Council	13/12/18	21st Century Schools - Band B project Team		Will Mclean	12/10/18	
Council	25/10/18	Statement of Gambling Policy and proposals for Casinos		Linda O'Gorman	10/09/18	
Council	25/10/18	Proposal to create a development company		Deb Hill-Howells		
Council	25/10/18	County Hall Accommodation	Seeking approval to undertake borrowing to fund the refurbishment works to County Hall	Deb Hill-Howells	17/07/18	
ICMD	24/10/18	Additional Service Offer at Usk Hub	To seek approval for the development of a business case to site a Post Office within Usk Hub following the announcement of the planned closure of the current facility on Bridge Street	Matt Gatehouse / Richard Drinkwater	04/10/18	
ICMD	10/10/18	Register of Priority Services		Ian Hardman	18/09/18	
ICMD	10/10/18	Joint Heritage Services with Torfaen		Mark Hand	05/09/18	
ICMD	10/10/18	Extension of Lease for Gilwern Library	To seek approval to extend the council's lease of space within Gilwern Community Centre for the continued provision of a library service beyond the end of the current agreement which expires in March 2019	Matthew Gatehouse	03/08/18	
Cabinet	03/10/18	Welsh Church Funding Working Group	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of applications 2018/19, Meeting 5 held on the 20th September 2018.	Dave Jarrett	17/04/18	
ICMD	26/09/18	Joint Heritage Services with Torfaen	DEFERRED TO 10 OCTOBER	Mark Hand	05/09/18	

ICMD	26/09/18	Amendments to cemeteries management practice to withdraw burial plot reservations.		Deb Hill-Howells	17/07/18	12/09/18
Council	20/09/18	Abergavenny Hub	Final business case to proceed with the creation of a Hub at Abergavenny Town Hall	Deb Hill Howells	17/07/18	
Council	20/09/18	A40 Wyebridge Highway Improvement Scheme		Paul Keeble	12/07/18	
Council	20/09/18	Well-being Objectives and Statement Annual Report 2017/18	For Council to approve the Annual Report 2107/18 on MCCs wellbeing objectives and statement	Richard Jones	30/05/18	
Council	20/09/18	Fairtrade		Hazel Clatworthy	24/05/18	
Council	20/09/18	MCC Audited Accounts 2017/18 (formal approval)	To present the audited Statement of Accounts for 2017/18 for approval by Council	Joy Robson/Mark Howcroft		
Council	20/09/18	ISA 260 report - MCC Accounts - attachment above	To provide external audits report on the Statement of Accounts 2017/18	WAO		
Council	20/09/18	J Block Proposals		Deb Hill-Howells		
Council	17/09/18	Monmouthshire Citizen Advice Bureau Annual Report	To provide members with an opportunity to discuss the work and ask questions of the Chief Executive of CAB Monmouthshire which provides advice to local people and its contribution to the council's purpose of building sustainable and resilient communities.	Matt Gatehouse	05/10/18	
ICMD	12/09/18	Colleague Volunteering Pilot	To seek approval to establish a Colleague Volunteering Pilot for 30 staff across directorates.	Owen Wilce		

Cabinet	05/09/18	NEET		Hannah Jones	09/08/18	
Cabinet	05/09/18	Management of obstructions in the public highway	For Cabinet to approve recommendations made by Strong Communities Select on 30th July	Roger Hoggins	09/08/18	
Cabinet	05/09/18	ICM Phase 2 Implementation of Family Support Services - post statutory threshold		Jane Rodgers	01/08/18	
Cabinet	05/09/18	Targeted Regeneration Investment - South Monmouthshire		Cath Fallon	13/07/18	
Cabinet	05/09/18	Childcare Offer		Rebecca Davis	12/06/18	
Cabinet	05/09/18	Welsh Church Fund Working Group	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2018/19, meeting 4 held on the 26th July 2018	Dave Jarrett	17/04/18	
Cabinet	05/09/18	Recommendations on the review of ALN & Inclusion Services	Cabinet to receive recommendations based on the con	Debbie Morgan	25/05/01	
Cabinet	05/09/18	Regional Safeguarding Board Annual Report	Deferred	Claire Marchant		
Cabinet	05/09/18	S106 Procedure Note and S106 Guidance Note	DEFERRED from May	Mark Hand		
ICMD	22/08/18	Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014		Andrew Mason	03/08/18	

ICMD	08/08/18	Children's Services – Supporting First Years in Practice		Jane Rodgers	19/07/18	
ICMD	08/08/18	Safeguarding Business Support Update		Diane Corrister	19/07/18	
ICMD	08/08/18	Financial Systems support team - change of role and job description		Ruth Donovan	03/07/18	
Council	26/07/18	Shadow Board recruitment for the ADM		Cath Fallon	15/06/18	
Council	26/07/18	Stock Transfer – Promises Kept/Missed & Added Value	PRESENTATION ONLY	Ian Bakewell	08/06/18	
Council	26/07/18	Audit Committee Annual Report		Wendy Barnard	24/05/18	
Council	26/07/18	Strategic Development Plan (SDP) Responsibility Audit	DEFERRED	Mark Hand	09/05/18	
Council	26/07/18	Chief Officer Annual Report		Claire Marchant		
Council	26/07/18	Safeguarding Evaluative Report		Claire Marchant		
ICMD	25/07/18	Private Sector Housing Loan Schemes - Change of Terms.		Steve Griffiths	21/06/18	

Cabinet	25/07/18	Youth Enterprise			20/06/18	
Cabinet	25/07/18	Borough Theatre			20/06/18	
Cabinet	25/07/18	Events			20/06/18	
Cabinet	25/07/18	Month 2 Budget Report			20/06/18	
ICMD	25/07/18	Housing Renewal Policy		Ian Bakewell	17/05/18	
ICMD	25/07/18	B&B Policy		Ian Bakewell	17/05/18	
ICMD	25/07/18	'Disposal of land adjacent to A40 at Monmouth for highway improvements'	DEFERRED from June	Gareth King/Cllr P Murphy	03/05/18	13/06/18
Cabinet	25/07/18	Resource Strategy	To comprise Commercial; Procurement; People; Digital; Financial strategies	Peter Davies	23/04/18	
Cabinet	25/07/18	Budget Monitoring report - Month 2 (period 1)	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on the forecast outturn position of the Authority at end of month reporting for 2018/19 financial year.	Joy Robson/Mark Howcroft	17/04/18	
Cabinet	25/07/18	The delivery of budget savings for 2018/19.	To provide Cabinet with a level of comfort and reassurance around the delivery of Budget savings for 2108/19	Peter Davies	15/04/18	

ICMD	25/07/18	Care Homes Fees – Fair Rate for Care Exercise	Cllr P Jones	Nicola Venus- Balgobin		
ICMD	11/07/18	FLOOD and Water Management Act 2010 - Schedule 3 IMPLEMENTATION of the Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Approving Body (SAB)		Paul Keeble	22/06/18	
ICMD	11/07/18	RECRUITMENT OF BSSG ADMIN OFFICER		Christian Schmidt	22/06/18	
ICMD	11/07/18	Workforce Update Report - Children's Services	DEFERRED	Claire Robins	07/06/18	
Cabinet	04/07/18	Disposal of Land between Llanishen and Trellech	To declare approx 36 acres of land between Llanishen and Trellech surplus to requirements and to seek consent for its disposal	Gareth King	15/06/18	
Cabinet	04/07/18	Care Leavers Report		Ruth Donovan	07/06/18	
Cabinet	04/07/18	Restructure of attractions services in TLCY		Tracey Thomas	07/06/18	
Cabinet	04/07/18	Review of ALN & Inclusion Services	Cabinet to consider the results of the statutory consulta	Debbie Morgan	25/05/18	
Cabinet	04/07/18	School Meal Debt Management		Roger Hoggins	17/05/18	
Cabinet	04/07/18	Draft NEET Reduction Strategy		Hannah Jones	08/05/18	

Cabinet	04/07/18	Inspire Programmes (Inspire2Achieve and Inspire2W	DEFERRED	Hannah Jones	08/05/18	
Cabinet	04/07/18	Welsh Church Fund Working Group	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2018/19, meeting 3 held on the 21st June 2018.	Dave Jarrett	17/04/2018	
Cabinet	04/07/18	Crick Road Business Case	ITEM DEFERRED	Colin Richings		
Cabinet	04/07/18	The Knoll, Section 106 funding, Abergavenny	DEFERRED from June	Mike Moran		07/03/18
Cabinet	04/07/18	Chippenham Mead Play Area	DEFERRED from 6/6/18	Mike Moran		
ICMD	27/06/18	REALLOCATION OF SECTION 106 FUNDING, MONMOUTH		Mike Moran	08/06/18	
ICMD	27/06/18	Definitive Map Modification Order Section 53 (C) (i) Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 Restricted Byway (53-16) Great Panta Devauden		Paul Keeble/Cllr B Jones	31/05/18	
ICMD	27/06/18	Planning advice charges for LDP candidate sites.		Mark Hand	24/05/18	Report deleted from Planner 7/6/18
ICMD	27/06/18	Early help Duty and Assessment – Hierarchy Update – Service Manager		Claire Robins	24/05/18	
Council	21/06/18	Corporate Parenting Strategy		Claire Marchant	07/06/18	

Council	21/06/18	Plastic Free County		Hazel Clatworthy	24/05/18	
Council	21/06/18	Joint Scrutiny of the City Deal		Hazel Ilett	30/04/18	
ICMD	13/06/18	Housing Restructure		Ian Bakewell	17/05/18	
ICMD	13/06/18	Re-fit Cymru programme	To seek approval to enter into a contract with Local Partnerships to utilise their framework to access energy efficient technologies.	Deb Hill Howells/Phil Murphy	10/05/18	
ICMD	13/06/18	Supporting People contract procurement exemptions		Chris Robinson	10/04/18	
ICMD	13/06/18	Children with Disability - Hierachy Update		Claire Robins	05/03/18	15/02/2018 Report deleted from planner
Cabinet	06/06/18	Twr Mihangel Section 106 Funding		Mike Moran	18/05/18	
Cabinet	06/06/18	Section 106 Off-Site Play Contributions		Mike Moran	18/05/18	
Cabinet	06/06/18	ADM Update		Tracey Thomas	18/05/18	
Cabinet	06/06/18	Proposed 25 year lease of Former Park Primary , Abergavenny, to Abergavenny Community Trust		Nicola Howells	15/05/18	

Cabinet	06/06/18	Council Response to the LGR Green Paper		Matt Gatehouse	14/05/18	
Cabinet	06/06/18	Revenue and Capital Monitoring 2017/18 Outturn Forecast Statement	To provide Members with information on the outturn position of the Authority for the 2017/18 year.	Mark Howcroft	17/04/18	09/03/18
Cabinet	06/06/18	Welsh Church Fund Working Group	The purpose of this combined report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2018/19, meeting 1 held on 19th April and meeting 2 held on 10th May 2018	Dave Jarrett	17/04/18	
Cabinet	06/06/18	Corporate Parenting Strategy		Jane Rodgers	22/03/18	
Cabinet	06/06/18	Welsh Language Monitoring Report	Moved to Strong Communities Select	Alan Burkitt		07/03/18
Cabinet	06/06/18	Kerbcraft Update	DEFERRED from May			
ICMD	23/05/18	Creation of an Asset Officer Post, Estates		Deb Hill Howells/Cllr P Murphy	03/05/18	
ICMD	23/05/18	Letting of Penarth Farm, Llanishen		Gareth King/Cllr P Murphy	03/05/18	
ICMD	23/05/18	High Street Rate Relief Scheme for 2018/19	To adopt the scheme of 2018/19 in accordance with Welsh Government Guidance	Ruth Donovan	26/04/18	07/03/18
ICMD	23/05/18	Proposed 30mph Speed Limit, Llandeenny Road, Llandeenny, Mill		Paul Keeble/Cllr B Jones	25/04/18	

ICMD	23/05/18	Transfer to Torfaen - Assessment of free school meal entitlement for MCC		Nikki Wellington/Cllr Murphy	10/04/18	
Council	10/05/18	Strategic Asset Management Plan		Peter Davies	23/04/18	
Council	10/05/18	To agree update on the Safeguarding Policy		Cath Sheen	16/04/18	
Council	10/05/18	Local Development Plan Delivery Agreement		Mark Hand	11/04/18	
Council	10/05/18	Boundary Review		John Pearson		
ICMD	09/05/18	Rural Programmes Team – ICT and Finance Apprentice Post		Michael Powell	23/04/18	
ICMD	09/05/18	GDPR Data Protection Policy		Rachel Trusler	20/04/18	
ICMD	09/05/18	Trellech Speed Limits		Paul Keeble	18/04/18	
ICMD	09/05/18	Civil Parking Enforcements	Moved from Cabinet 11/04/18	Paul Keeble	13/04/18	
ICMD	09/05/18	PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME (CHAPEL ROAD, STANHOPE STREET, CANTREF ROAD, AVENUE ROAD, HAROLD ROAD) ABERGAVENNY		Paul Keeble/Cllr B Jones	13/04/18	

ICMD	09/05/18	Creation of fixed term Senior Planning Policy Officer Post for 3.5 years		Mark Hand/Cllr Greenland	12/04/18	
ICMD	09/05/18	Amendment to existing fixed term Senior Landscape and Urban Design Officer post to make it a permanent post;		Mark Hand/Cllr Greenland	12/04/18	
ICMD	09/05/18	Creation of fixed term Apprentice Planner post (exact job title tbc)		Mark Hand/Cllr Greenland	12/04/18	
ICMD	09/05/18	Re-evaluation of Post of Lead - Community Improvement Supervisor		Nigel Leaworthy	10/04/18	
ICMD	09/05/18	Supporting People contract procurement exemptions	DEFERRED TO 13 JUNE	Chris Robinson	15/02/18	
ICMD	09/05/18	Adoption of highway management plan including appointment of Highway Asset inspector and changes to Asset Planning Officer posts		Paul Keeble		09/03/18
Cabinet	02/05/18	Adoption of Road Safety Strategy		Paul Keeble		
Cabinet	02/05/18	Social Justice Strategy		Cath Fallon		
Council	19/04/18	Bryn Y Cwm Change of name		Matt Gatehouse	21/03/18	
Council	19/04/18	Council Diary 2018/19		John Pearson	12/03/18	12/03/18

Council	19/04/18	Sale of old County Hall Site		Roger Hoggins	16/02/18	
Council	19/04/18	Chief Officer Report CYP		Will Mclean	25/01/18	
ICMD	18/04/18	Communities for Work		Hannah Jones	22/03/18	
ICMD	18/04/18	Disposal of easement at Wonastow Road		Ben Winstanley	14/03/18	
Cabinet	11/04/18	Tree Policy		Roger Hoggins	19/02/18	
Cabinet	11/04/18	VAWDASV		Joe Skidmore	08/02/18	
Cabinet	11/04/18	Disposal of County Hall		Roger Hoggins		
Cabinet	11/04/18	Welsh Church Fund Working Group	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2017/18, meeting 6 held on the 22nd February 2018	Dave Jarrett		
ICMD	28/03/18	Property Maintenance Framework Agreement		Phil Kenney/P Murphy	06/03/18	
ICMD	28/03/18	Children's Services Business Support Team - Hierachy Update		Claire Robins	05/03/18	

ICMD	28/03/18	Social Care & Health - Business Support Post		Claire Robins	05/03/18	
ICMD	28/03/18	Staffing Restructure of SCH Workforce Development Team		Sian Sexton	05/03/18	
ICMD	28/03/18	Operational Changes to Trading Standards		Gareth Walters/Sara Jones	27/02/18	
ICMD	28/03/18	Section 106 Major Maintenance Capital for the repairs to the footbridge over the Gavenny at Penyval,		Nigel Leaworthy		
Council	19/03/18	City Deal Business Plan		Paul Matthews		
Council	19/03/18	LDP		Mark Hand		
ICMD	14/03/18	Future of Melin Private Leasing Scheme		Ian Bakewell	15/02/18	
ICMD	14/03/18	2nd Phase Families Support Review		Claire Marchant		
ICMD	14/03/18	Award Garden Waste Contract		Carl Touhig		
ICMD	14/03/18	S106 Transport Projects		Richard Cope		

Cabinet	07/03/18	2018/19 Education and Welsh Church Trust Funds Investment and Fund strategies	To present to Cabinet for approval the 2018/19 Investment Fund Strategy for Trust Funds for which the authority acts as sole or custodian trustee for adoption and to approve the 2017/18 grant allocation to LA beneficiaries of the Welsh Church Fund	Dave Jarrett		
Cabinet	07/03/18	Corporate Parenting Strategy		Claire Marchant		
Cabinet	07/03/18	EAS Business Plan		Will Mclean		
Cabinet	07/03/18	Proposed changes to the schools mfunding formulafor the funding of building maintenance costs	To seek approval to reduce the funding of building maintenance costs for our new schools	Nikki Wellington		
Cabinet	07/03/18	Replacement document management system for revenues		Ruth Donovan		
Cabinet	07/03/18	Review of Additional Learning Needs and inclusion services	To seek cabinet approval to commence the statutory consultation process associated with proposed changes to ALN and Inclusion Services	Matthew Jones		
Cabinet	07/03/18	Turning the World Upside Down	DEFERRED	Claire Marchant		
Cabinet	07/03/18	Whole Authority Risk Assessment		Richard Jones		
Council	01/03/18	Treasury Strategy		Peter Davies	08/02/18	
Council	01/03/18	Approval of public service board well-being plan		Matt Gatehouse		

Council	01/03/18	Area Plan - Population Needs Assessment		Claire Marchant		
Council	01/03/18	Council Tax Resolution 2018/19		Ruth Donovan		
Council	01/03/18	Pooled fund for care homes		Claire Marchant		
Council	01/03/18	Social Justice Policy	ITEM DEFERRED	Cath Fallon		
Cabinet	28/02/18	Borough Theatre		Tracey Thomas	19/02/18	
ICMD	28/02/18	Recruitment for Maternity Cover: Development Management Team		Phil Thomas	08/02/18	
ICMD	28/02/18	Restructure of Mental health Social Work Staffing		John Woods	08/02/18	
ICMD	28/02/18	Staffing Restructure of Adult Disability Service		John Woods	08/02/18	
Cabinet	28/02/18	Final Budget Proposals		Peter Davies		
ICMD	28/02/18	Charges in relation to the delivery of the auths private water supply responsibilities		Huw Owen		

ICMD	28/02/18	Fixed Penalty Notice charges for fly tipping offences		Huw Owen/Sara Jones		
ICMD	28/02/18	Gypsy and Traveller Pitch allocation policy report		Steve Griffiths		
ICMD	28/02/18	Re-designation of Shared Housing		Ian Bakewell/Greenland		
ICMD	28/02/18	Removal of under 18 burial charges		Deb Hill Howells		
Council	15/02/18	Active Travel Plan and Civil Parking Enforcement		Roger Hoggins		
Council	15/02/18	Corporate Plan		Kellie Beirne		
Council	15/02/18	Pay Policy		Sally Thomas		
ICMD	14/02/18	All Wales Play opportunities grant		Matthew Lewis/Cllr Greenland		
ICMD	14/02/18	Development Management Enhanced Services proposals		Phil Thomas		
ICMD	14/02/18	Loan to Foster Carers		Jane Rodgers		

ICMD	14/02/18	Personal Transport Budgets		Roger Hoggins		
ICMD	14/02/18	Public Health Wales Act - Intimate Piercing		David Jones		
ICMD	14/02/18	Residents only parking permit scheme Usk View, Merthyr Road, Abergavenny		Paul Keeble		
ICMD	14/02/18	Usk in Bloom		Cath Fallon		
ICMD	08/02/18	Fixed Penalty Notice charges for fly tipping offences		Huw Owen		03/01/18
Cabinet	06/02/18	Future Options for Mounton House School		Will Mclean	27/09/18	
ICMD	31/01/18	Seasonal Garden Waste Collections		Carl Touhig		
ICMD	31/01/18	Staffing changes in Policy and Governance		Matt Gatehouse		
Cabinet	29/01/18	ADM		Kellie Beirne		
Cabinet	29/01/18	Corporate Plan		Kellie Beirne		

Council	18/01/18	Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2018/19		Ruth Donovan		
Council	18/01/18	Response to Older Adults Mental Health Consultation		Claire Marchant		
ICMD	17/01/18	Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 The Local Authorities (Precepts) (Wales) Regulations 1995		Joy Robson/Mark Howcroft		
ICMD	17/01/18	Supporting People Programme Grant Spendplan 2018-19		Chris Robinson		03/01/18
ICMD	17/01/18	Trainee Accountant Regrade		Tyrone Stokes		
Cabinet	10/01/18	Budget Monitoring Report	The purpose of this report is to provide members with information on the forecast outturn position of the authority at end of month reporting for 2016/17 financial year	Joy Robson/Mark Howcroft		
Cabinet	10/01/18	Chepstow Cluster - proposed distribution of Section 106 monies	To agree the distribution of section 106 to the cluster	Nikki Wellington		
Cabinet	10/01/18	Re-Use Shop at Ilanfoist Household Recycling Centre		Roger Hoggins		
Cabinet	10/01/18	Management of obstructions in the public highway		Roger Hoggins		
Cabinet	10/01/18	Welsh Church Fund Working Group	The purpose of this report is to make recommendations to Cabinet on the Schedule of Applications 2017/18, meeting 5 held on the 14th December 2017	Dave Jarrett		

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