

EMERGENCY DELEGATED EXECUTIVE DECISION

In accordance with the Leaders decision and noted by Cabinet on 25/03/2020 to delegate to the Chief Executive any executive decision in this COVID 19 Global pandemic emergency or that is urgent or that would be necessary or expedient, or which would otherwise protect the Council's interests, including key decisions.

South Lakeland District Council Emergency Delegated Executive Decision Temporary Suspension of Green Waste Collections

Date: 3rd April 2020

Reference: 003

Reason for emergency

Chief Executive received emergency delegated executive decision making powers on the 25th March 2020. It is considered that this decision is necessary or arises from the COVID 19 Global pandemic emergency. The matter is urgent, necessary and expedient and is needed to protect the Council's interests.

The decision is required to be taken due to the need to maintain critical residual waste services.

This is a Key Decision Yes

(A key decision means an executive decision which, in relation to an executive function, has a significant effect on communities in two or more Wards of the Council and/or is likely to result in the Authority incurring expenditure or making savings above £100,000)

Portfolio:	Cllr Eric Morrell
Decision Maker:	Chief Executive
Report Author:	Simon Rowley – Director Customer and Commercial Services
Wards:	All
Forward Plan:	Exemption from publication requirements / Forward Plan (Key decision) requirements and call in obtained

1.0 Expected Outcome and Reasons for Proposed Decision

During the Global Pandemic of Covid 19 the council needs to maintain critical waste collection services for its residents. The governments self isolation messages and restrictions on those with possible symptoms means there has been a reduction in waste collection operatives and drivers to maintain all existing waste collection services. The collection of garden (Green) waste is not a critical waste service and hence a decision needs to be taken to suspend the green waste collection services from 27th March 2020, to allow staff resources to be prioritised to those waste services that are critical .

2.0 Proposed Decision

2.1 It is recommended that the Chief Executive:-

(1) Suspends the delivery of Green waste collection services from 27th March 2020 within the district boundaries to allow resources to be prioritised to those critical waste collection services.

Review Date:	27th May 2020
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3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 During the current Global Pandemic of Covid 19 the council needs to maintain critical waste collection services for its residents. The governments self isolation messages and restrictions on those with possible symptoms means there has been a reduction in waste collection operatives and drivers available for work to maintain all existing waste collection services. The collection of garden (Green) waste is not a critical waste service and hence a decision needs to be taken to suspend the green waste collection services from 27th March 2020, to allow staff resources to be prioritised to those waste services that are critical, and delivered under social isolating principles.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 Portfolio holder and cabinet colleagues

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 The service could be reduced to only a monthly collection i.e. once every 4 weeks, however this would create uncertainty to the public and would still create pressures for other critical waste collection activities. The ability to adapt to daily changes in staffing resources means that this option is not realistic.

6.0 Links to Council Priorities

6.1 Maintaining critical service delivery during the global emergency.

7.0 Implications

Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1 Essential staffing resources can be reprioritised to maintaining those Critical Waste collection services.

Human Resources

7.2 Essential staffing resources can be reprioritised to maintaining those Critical Waste collection services.

Legal

7.3 The Council's legal team are reviewing the contractual implications regarding the suspension of the collection of Green waste collections.

Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

7.4 Have you completed a Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment? No

7.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: Emergency requirement to ensure critical waste collection services are maintained it is not considered that an impact assessment is required at this time.

Equality and Diversity

7.7 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No

- 7.8 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons:
Emergency requirement to ensure critical waste collection services are maintained. It is not considered that an equality impact assessment is required at this time.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Green waste collections continue placing pressure on service delivery of residual waste collection services.	Negative impact on collection rates of residual waste services.	We will suspend the collection of green waste collections and keep the decision under review.

Contact Officers

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Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
N/A	
Approved by:	Signature and Date (or email confirmation)
Chief Executive	03/04/2020
In consultation with	
The Leader of the Council	03/04/2020
And Relevant Portfolio Holder	02/04/2020
CMT Directors	02/04/2020
The following interests were declared – disclosable pecuniary interests or other Or none	None

<p><i>Due to COVID 19 and Government announcements, it has not been possible for this Key decision to be included in a Forward Plan at least 28 clear days before the decision was to be made. It is not possible to comply with the General Exception Procedure.</i></p> <p><i>In accordance with Part 4 of the Constitution – Rules of Procedure – Access to Information Rules Para 16 the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Cllr Hughes) has agreed that the taking of the decision was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred because of the timescales required to protect the public interest and to comply with Government advice.</i></p> <p><i>This being “Special Urgency”</i></p>	Yes 02/04/2020
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<p><i>In accordance with Part 4 of the Constitution – Rules of Procedure Rule 16(j) The Chairman of the Council agrees that this decision is reasonable in all the circumstances and that it is treated as urgent for the reasons outlined above and therefore the decision is exempt from call in.</i></p>	<p>Yes 02/04/2020</p>
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