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Tuesday 5 August 2025

## Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

### **Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Panel**

The **Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Panel** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **2.00 pm** on **Wednesday 13 August 2025**.

This meeting will be live webcast. To access the webcast please go to the Council's website at the time of the meeting and follow the instructions on the page.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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**Samantha Lawton**  
**Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning**

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## **The Panel members are:-**

### **Member**

Councillor Andrew Cooper (Chair)

Councillor Musarrat Khan

Councillor David Longstaff

Councillor Matthew McLoughlin

Councillor Will Simpson

Councillor John Taylor

# Agenda

## Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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**Pages**

**1: Membership of the Panel**

To receive apologies for absence from those Members who are unable to attend the meeting.

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**2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

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**3: Declaration of Interests**

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Members will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have any disclosable pecuniary interests or any other interests, which may prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items.

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**4: Admission of the Public**

Most agenda items take place in public. This only changes where there is a need to consider exempt information, as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. You will be informed at this point which items are to be recommended for exclusion and to be resolved by the Panel.

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**5: Deputations/Petitions**

The Panel will receive any petitions and/or deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the

Public must submit a deputation in writing, at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

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## **6: Public Question Time**

To receive any public questions.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, the period for the asking and answering of public questions shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Any questions must be submitted in writing at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

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## **7: Appointment to the Kirklees Vision Zero Board**

To appoint a member of the Panel to the Kirklees Vision Zero Board.

Contact:

Jodie Harris, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

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## **8: Simpler Recycling**

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The Panel will consider the report 'Simpler Recycling' which will outline the changes in legislation regarding its introduction.

Contact:

Will Acornley - Head of Operational Services

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## **9: Work Programme 2025-26**

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The Panel will consider its Work Programme for 2025/26

Contact:

Jodie Harris, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

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Contact Officer: Jodie Harris

## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY PANEL

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Present:

Councillor Andrew Cooper (Chair)  
Councillor David Longstaff  
Councillor John Taylor

In attendance:

Councillor Munir Ahmed, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways  
Martin Jordan, Emergency Planning Officer  
Katherine Armitage, Service Director, Environmental Strategy and Climate Change  
Phillip Waddington, Group Engineer – Highways  
Paul Farndale, ER Project Officer  
Chris Johnson, Operational Manager  
Cameron Hooper, Team Manager – Skills and Regeneration  
Sarah Holmes, Housing Services Strategic Manager  
Sean Westerby, Corporate Safety and Resilience Manager  
Katherine Hunt, Operational Manager – Highways

Apologies:

Councillor Will Simpson  
Councillor Matthew McLoughlin

#### **Membership of the Panel**

Apologies were received from Councillor Will Simpson and Councillor Matthew McLoughlin.

#### **2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Panel considered the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

### 3 **Interests**

No interests were declared.

### 4 **Admission of the Public**

All items were considered in the public session.

### 5 **Deputations/Petitions**

No deputations or petitions were received.

### 6 **Public Question Time**

No public questions were received.

### 7 **Severe Weather Debrief Report January 2025**

The Panel considered the Severe Weather Debrief Report January 2025 which was presented by Sean Westerby, Corporate Safety and Resilience Manager and Martin Jordon, Emergency Planning Officer gave a presentation which provided an overview of;

- The multiple services involved in the response to the severe weather events taking place between the 31/12/2024 - 03/01/2025 where sustained rainfall led to flooding, and between 04/01/2025 -13/01/2025 the sustained snow and ice event.
- A summary of what went well; during the flooding event, several factors contributed to an effective response, including (i) the integration of multiple sources of credible forecasting information, (ii) a well-received social media strategy, and (iii) strong collaboration among teams across the organisation in sharing information, resources, and delivering timely responses. Similarly, the response to the snow and ice event was strengthened by these same factors, alongside additional successes such as (i) the Council's provision of assistance to schools upon request, enabling safe reopening, and (ii) swift engagement of teams involved in the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP), ensuring prompt assessments and referrals.
- A summary of learning and forward actions in relation to rain and flooding event including;
  - To mitigate the issue of road closures being ignored due to displaced signage, future flood events should incorporate enhanced communication via appropriate channels regarding the dangers of disregarding closures. Additionally, alternative methods of alerting the public—such as flashing beacons or flood gates—should be explored to enforce road closures more effectively.
  - Given that some residents did not report surface water or river flooding improvements to the Council's non-emergency online flooding form were being considered to encourage timely reporting and prevent residents from suffering in silence.
- A summary of learning and forward actions in relation to the snow and ice event for example;
  - To ensure a streamlined process for schools seeking Council assistance in severe weather, a single, clearly communicated procedure should be established. This should specify the support available, potential services subject to resource availability, and actions outside the Council's remit.

- Due to the limited availability of SWEP bed spaces (accommodating only six individuals), alternative cost-effective accommodation options should be explored to reduce reliance on expensive placements in B&Bs.
- In response to the issue of some Councillors' use of multiple request routes which resulted in duplicated efforts standardised procedures should be implemented to improve efficiency.
- Public criticism regarding incomplete gritting of roads and pavements highlighted the need for enhanced communication. Updates to the Council's website and severe weather communications plan should clarify the extent of gritting services while promoting community resilience and dispelling misconceptions.

During the subsequent discussion, the Panel raised several questions and comments as follows:

- In response to the Panels comments around the absence of snow wardens, with volunteers reporting to Councillors that they felt underutilised and disconnected, it was advised that for safety reasons, it would have been above and beyond snow wardens volunteer capacity to be involved. The Panel noted the response but highlighted that the Council may have missed opportunity for more volunteers to get involved. The Panel were further advised that snow wardens provided feedback through surveys annually and it was agreed that the responses from the next survey be shared with the Panel when received.
- In response to a question from the Panel in relation to gritting, it was confirmed that 450 grit bins were in place across the network. The Council's policy and operational plan were publicly available on its website, with no additional bins provided due to resource constraints. The bin-filling process took approximately three weeks, with initial stocking occurring at the beginning of the season in October and a subsequent refill at the end of January following severe weather. Councillors were encouraged to explore opportunities for redistributing bins within their wards as needed. The Panel noted the response but emphasised that it did not feel fair for Councillors to take one bin away from some residents to give it to another. Concerns were also expressed around streets surrounding key health and adult respite centres not being gritted.
- In response to the Panels questions in relation to supporting housing growth alongside ensuring adequate gritting resources to support new developments and all residents fairly it was advised that there were plans for the Winter Policy to be brought to scrutiny going forward, but highlighted that Kirklees compared well with other authorities in terms of how much of the network that was gritted.
- In response to the Panels questions in relation to improving gathering feedback from residents who chose to 'suffer in silence' rather than report that they were struggling it was advised that alongside improvements to the Council's non-emergency online flooding form the approach would involve
- and information gathering needed to take place within weeks of a severe event to ensure timely and relevant insights. It was also acknowledged that vulnerable individuals became even more at-risk during emergencies, with quieter residents being harder to identify. To address this, emergency

volunteers conducted welfare checks, while the good neighbour principle encouraged residents to check in on one another. Elected members were also engaged to support and escalate concerns effectively.

- In response to a question from the Panel in relation to support for waste collection services during a severe snow and ice weather event recognition and thanks was given to the Waste Collection Teams for the work they carried out under very challenging circumstances, and it was noted that support was given through gritting teams keeping a large portion of the network clear and accessible.
- In response to a question from the Panel in relation to the limited availability of SWEP bed spaces, it was confirmed that only six places were available, necessitating additional B&B accommodations. While costs were not significant this winter, the Council aimed to reduce reliance on B&Bs by securing alternative placements with partner support. The Council committed to assisting in setting up placements through internal services both during and after emergencies, but challenges remained, as placements were only needed when the emergency protocol was activated, requiring rapid mobilisation.
- In response to a question from the Panel in relation to the potential for flexibility within the Winter Policy to support the ad-hoc restocking of grit bins to enable residents to deal with issues as they arise, it was advised that all policies allowed for discretion, which had been exercised during the winter. However, the need for consistency and a balanced approach was emphasised. The Panel acknowledged this but suggested that targeted discretion could be more effective, recognising that a uniform approach may not suit all severe weather scenarios. Early flexibility was considered essential in mitigating further damage or disruption.
- In response to the Panels inquiry as to whether the planning process accounted for management companies gritting new housing estates, given the Council's policy of not providing gritting services in such areas. It was agreed that discussions would take place with planning colleagues to verify whether new estates would be assessed differently under existing policies.

**RESOLVED:** The Panel noted the Severe Weather Debrief Report January 2025 and expressed their thanks and appreciation to all teams involved in the emergency responses for the fantastic work they had delivered during very challenging circumstances. It was recommended that:

1. The feedback from the next Snow Warden Survey be shared with the Panel.
2. Discussions would take place with the Planning Department to verify whether new estates would be assessed differently under existing policies in relation to gritting services.
3. The Winter Policy be added to the Panel's work programme for the 2025/26 municipal year.

## **9. Highways 2 year Capital Plan allocation 2025/26 and 2026/27**

The Panel considered the Highways 2-year detailed Capital Plan allocation 2025/26 and 2026/27. Katherine Hunt, Operational Manager - Highways gave a presentation which provided an overview of;

- The Background; noting that the Governance Arrangements to manage delivery of the 2025/26 and 2026/27 schemes within the Capital Plan were in place via regular monitoring of programmes and budgets and that the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) funded a large portion of the capital programme and supported the Councils efforts to achieve its 2038 climate change ambitions.
- The Highways Capital Plan for 2025/26 and 2026/27; which was a detailed programme of works to be implemented in 2025/26 (with provisional schemes identified for 2026/27) and includes programmes of works and individual schemes for:
  - Highways Maintenance
  - Structures
  - Street Lighting
  - Public Rights of Way (PRoW)
  - Highways Drainage
  - Highways Safety and Network Management (UTMC)
  - Includes the City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement fund (CRSTS-1) and any other capital funding available to Highways (including council borrowing and any additional grant monies)
- The funding allocation 2025/2026, key programme areas , the prioritisation process and the highways scheme lifecycle.
- Innovation, Governance and Preperformance, noting how schemes contributed to the Council Plan and the objectives of the Combined Authority .
- The decisions Cabinet would be asked to approve which were;
  - The budget and programme / scheme allocations as outlined in the associated report and appendices for 2025/26 and 2026/27, to allow the budget allocation and spend on the schemes identified to improve the highway network, increase safety on our roads support the improvement of air quality, and positively impact climate change across the district.
  - To approve officer delegation to the Executive Director of Place in accordance with the Council Financial Procedure Rules and any other relevant legal requirements and governance.
  - The delegation of powers to the designated positions and for the period stated in the associated report, that in the event we are awarded additional funding within year, they have the authority to develop, agree and implement the Highways Capital Programme.

During the subsequent discussion, the Panel raised several questions and comments as follows:

- In response to a question from the Panel in relation to the absence of Vision Zero in the report, it was confirmed that the Council remained fully committed to its objectives. While some details were included, it was acknowledged that they were not as prominently featured as they should be and it was agreed that Vision Zero be clearly acknowledged in the report , with efforts made to communicate its goals effectively and ensure widespread awareness of the target.
- In response to a question from the Panel in relation to Climate Change and what Kirklees's current position was in relation to net zero targets it was agreed that the Kirklees Data in relation to the targets would be shared with the Panel.

- In response to a question from the Panel in relation to the use of AI, it was confirmed that AI was being utilised to monitor road conditions and assess infrastructure requirements. Work was being undertaken to explore its application in network management and to develop AI-driven tools for managing bus movements and ensuring punctuality. AI was also being considered for road marking assessments and within street lighting services to identify missing or obscured signage. The Panel welcomed these advancements.
- In response to a question from the Panel in relation to AI Assisted Repair Checks for poorly executed repairs it was confirmed that video footage collected by highways was reviewed and sent through to the Highways Team and to utility companies for rectification at their expense if necessary. This process was subject to a defined time limit for corrective actions.
- In response to a question from the Panel in relation to road closures, the promotion of the free-to-use platform, One.Network was highlighted as providing real-time information on network activity, including ongoing and planned roadworks. It was advised that the platform allowed users to see locations, responsible parties, anticipated impacts, and forecasts up to 12 months in advance. Whilst it was acknowledged that displaced traffic cannot always be prevented, efforts were made to identify potential congestion areas and collaborate with works promoters, including utility companies, to raise concerns in advance and minimise disruption. The Panel welcomed the response and commented that it would be positive to link this platform to My Kirklees account to promote us to residents.
- In response to a question from the Panel in relation to the highways maintenance funding, it was confirmed that funding was withheld until authorities demonstrated compliance with specific criteria. It was noted that funding could be either devolved or non-devolved, depending on these requirements. The prior CRTS settlement required authorities to showcase their asset management approach at a district level. The current criteria were expected to be similar, including assessments of network condition, the number of potholes, the type of works undertaken, and their locations. It was advised that a report detailing these criteria would need to be published on the Council's website.
- In response to the Panel's questions around LED street lighting it was advised that the transition to LED street lighting was determined by budget constraints, with capital funding allocated to replacing end-of-life columns. A procurement framework had been issued for street lantern replacements, ensuring installations aligned with the latest technology and current standards.

**RESOLVED:** The Panel noted the Highways 2 year Capital Plan allocation 2025/26 and 2026/27 and it was recommended that:

- (1) Vision Zero objectives be clearly acknowledged in the report, with efforts made to communicate its goals effectively and ensure widespread awareness of the target.
- (2) The Kirklees Data in relation to Climate Change targets be shared with the Panel.
- (3) Consideration be given to providing a link to the One.Network platform to My Kirklees Accounts.

**10. Work Programme 2024/25**

The Panel reviewed its Work Programme for the 2024/25 municipal year and requested that all officers who had presented to the Panel throughout the year be thanked for their work and attendance at the Panel.

**RESOLVED:** The Panel noted the Work Programme, and it was agreed that:

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**KIRKLEES COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Environment & Climate Change Scrutiny Panel

Name of Councillor

Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest

Signed: .....

Dated: .....

## NOTES

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

(a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and

(b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.



**REPORT TITLE: Simpler Recycling**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>E&amp;CC Scrutiny</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>13 August 2025</b>
<b>Cabinet Member (if applicable)</b>	<b>Cllr Tyler Hawkins</b>
<b>Key Decision Eligible for Call In</b>	<b>Yes Yes</b>
<p><b>Purpose of Report</b></p> <p>To outline the changes in legislation regarding the introduction of Simpler Recycling in 2026 in the wider context of the Government’s circular economy policies, and how this interlinks with Kirklees Council’s current operations and contractual obligations.</p>	
<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No recommendations at this stage, information only</li> </ul> <p><b>Reasons for Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not applicable</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Resource Implications:</b></p> <p>None at this stage, information on upcoming legislation only.</p>	
<p><b>Date signed off by <u>Executive Director</u> &amp; name</b></p> <p><b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?</b></p> <p><b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer)?</b></p>	<p><b>David Shepherd, Executive Director for Place Growth and Regeneration – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b></p> <p>Report for information only</p> <p>Report for information only</p>

**Electoral wards affected:** All

**Ward councillors consulted:** None

**Public or private:** Public

**Has GDPR been considered?** This report contains no personal data and is GDPR compliant

## **1. Executive Summary**

The introduction of Simpler Recycling and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation in late 2024 aims to standardise recycling and waste collection across England, requiring producers to cover the costs of packaging waste and introducing a deposit return scheme for drinks containers. Kirklees Council must align its existing waste strategy and procurement plans to comply with these requirements, with significant implications for local services, residents, and contractual arrangements. Full compliance with the new legislation is due by 2026, but local implementation is proposed for 2028 to align with the expiry of the current waste contract.

## **2. Information required to take a decision**

A comprehensive understanding of legislative requirements for Simpler Recycling and EPR is essential, including waste stream separation, eligible materials, and funding mechanisms. It is also important to assess current contractual obligations, particularly the 30-year PFI waste contract expiring in 2028, and the implications for facility ownership and operational changes.

Additionally, a review of implementation timelines is necessary, including the proposed delay to 2028 and the engagement needed with residents and property types, such as back-to-back properties, HMOs, and flats. Financial analysis of EPR payments, disposal costs, funding through EPR or existing budgets, and projected changes to payment calculations will need to be conducted. Legal and operational considerations for the procurement of new waste treatment and reprocessing contracts under the Competitive Flexible Procedure (CFP) must also be considered.

Finally, interdependencies with council waste strategy targets, community engagement outcomes, and ongoing assessments, such as Technically, Environmentally and Economically Practicable (TEEP) assessments, as well as risk and asset management reviews. Alongside this, future options for our Household Waste and Recycling Centres and our Materials Recovery Facility options, should also be reviewed.

## **3. Implications for the Council**

### **3.1 Council Plan**

The waste service is a key component of the council plan, with the objective of enhancing performance, reducing contamination, and preparing for the implementation of Simpler Recycling. The service is currently evaluating various options for the introduction of Simpler Recycling to achieve its goals of improving performance and reducing contamination. This evaluation aims to identify a cost-effective solution that complies with legislative requirements while delivering the highest quality service to our residents.

### **3.2 Financial Implications**

The EPR introduces new funding mechanisms, with the first-year payment for Kirklees estimated at £6.6 million. However, future payments are uncertain due to a lack of clarity in calculation assumptions and the impact of disposal costs under a new contract.

The purchase of new bins, expanded collection services, and updated infrastructure would incur additional costs, particularly as the Council transitions from the existing PFI agreement, which are being highlighted pre-decision. Funding must be sourced through EPR payments or existing

budgets, with DEFRA acknowledging the challenges of aligning to individual council circumstances.

### **3.3 Legal Implications**

It is a legal requirement for all local authorities to comply with Simpler Recycling and EPR legislation, as non-compliance could expose the Council to regulatory risks. Contractual obligations under the current PFI waste contract, including facility hand backs and variations/extensions, must be managed alongside the transition to new legislative requirements. Additionally, the procurement of new waste treatment contracts must adhere to new procurement regulations, notably the Competitive Flexible Procedure.

### **3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality**

Simpler Recycling aims to increase recycling rates and reduce landfill, directly supporting climate and air quality objectives by minimising waste and emissions.

### **3.5 Other (eg Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment or Human Resources)**

Risks include operational disruption during the transition period, uncertainty over future EPR funding, and the need for effective community engagement to ensure compliance and participation. The Council will need to assess the impacts on staffing, such as new collection routes and service changes, and conduct integrated impact assessments for equality, accessibility, and environmental outcomes. Ongoing audits, asset management, and multiple market engagements are required to ensure robust processes and risk mitigation.

The service is collaborating closely with the communications team to determine the most effective strategies for publicising the introduction of Simpler Recycling when it becomes necessary. This includes identifying the best methods to inform and educate residents and tailoring the message to various communities across the district. A comprehensive communication plan will be developed once a preferred option is selected, which will be based on the feedback from the planned engagement in 2026.

## **4. Consultation**

The Council's Waste Strategy was informed by significant public engagement, including 22,100 visits to the consultation website and 7,578 responses (79% online, 21% on paper). Ongoing consultation is planned during the Simpler Recycling roll-out, with a focus on understanding resident needs, especially for diverse property types. Feedback from these exercises will inform final implementation approaches.

## **5. Engagement**

Extensive engagement with residents and key stakeholders is planned over the coming years to facilitate a successful transition to Simpler Recycling and EPR compliance. This includes learning from other local authorities' experience and maintaining transparent communication with communities regarding timelines, service changes, and expected benefits. The Council's approach is iterative, with regular review points and opportunities for stakeholder input to inform decision-making and operational planning.

## **6. Options**

## **6.1 Options considered**

At this stage no options are being presented.

## **6.2 Reasons for recommended option**

Not applicable.

## **7. Next steps and timelines**

Cabinet decision on available options scheduled for 09 September 2025.

## **8. Contact officer**

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## **9. Background Papers and History of Decisions**

Not applicable.

## **10. Appendices**

Not applicable.

## **11. Service Director responsible**

Katherine Armitage,  
Acting Service Director Highways and Streetscene  
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**ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY PANEL**

**Work programme 2025/2026**

**Members: Cllr Andrew Cooper (Chair), Cllr David Longstaff, Cllr Musarrat Khan, Cllr Will Simpson, Cllr John Taylor, Cllr Matthew McLoughlin, Jane Emery (Co-Optee), VACANT (Co-Optee)**

FULL PANEL DISCUSSION		
THEME/ISSUE	APPROACH / AREAS OF FOCUS	OUTCOMES / ACTIONS
Simply Recycling and Split Collections	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider an update on Simply Recycling and Split Collections following changes to Kirklees Council’s collections as per government policy</p>	
Winter Maintenance; briefing note	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider a briefing note on Winter Maintenance</p>	

Simply Recycling (Food Collection)	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider an update on Simply Recycling – the Introduction of a food collection service as per government policy</p>	
Fly tipping Strategy	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider an update on the development of a Fly Tipping Strategy.</p>	
Events Update	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider an update on Events</p>	
TBC	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025</u></p>	

Waste Strategy Update	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider the 2021-2030 Waste Strategy annual Update</p>	
Waste Service Standards	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025</u></p> <p><u>The Panel will consider an update on the</u> Introduction of new Waste Service Standards which links data, performance and communication of issues</p>	
TBC	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026</u></p>	
TBC	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026</u></p>	
Annual Update on Flood Risk	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider the Annual Update on Flood Risk</p>	

TBC	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026</u>	
TBC	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026</u>	
<b><u>Informal Briefings</u></b>		
TBC	Air Quality Update	

Golden Threads:

The Panel will consider and would like to receive information around the following themes throughout its programme of work

- Climate Impact
- Risks and Opportunities
- Partnership work, links to other opportunities and engagement

- Communications; i.e.- how is the council using communications to deliver messaging, raise awareness of issues and provide information

Items /themes not yet scheduled:

- Pollution Update
- Lane Rental Update
- Parks Update
- Huddersfield District Heat Network (progress update on the full business case and additional delegations)

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