

Waste and Cleansing Policies: Collection of Recycling and Waste from Places of Worship.

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Policy statement

- 1.1 This policy outlines the recycling and waste services which can be provided to collect recycling and waste arising from places of worship in Edinburgh.
- 1.2 The policy was approved as part of the Waste and Cleansing Service's Policy Assurance at Transport and Environment Committee on 17 May 2018.

Scope

- 2.1 The overall policy sets out what the Council can provide in terms of bin and container types, and collection frequencies.
- 2.2 This policy broadly treats places of worship as households, but provides additional capacity compared to a household. It also acknowledges that there may be multiple properties on a particular site and allows for this.
- 2.3 If there is one or more commercial premises (e.g. a cafe) on the site, a separate commercial waste contract **MUST** be put in place to accommodate this.
- 2.4 Similarly if a volume of waste is produced over and above the standard allocation, a separate commercial waste contract **MUST** be put in place to accommodate this.

Definitions

- 3.1 The focus of this policy is the solid recycling and waste arisings produced by premises used as places of worship
- 3.2 "Waste" in this context relates to items or materials which are being discarded for disposal to landfill or energy recovery, while "recycling" relates to items which will be recycled.
- 3.3 To be considered under this policy, places of worship must also be treated as exempt from commercial rates under the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956.

Policy content

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- 4.1 Appendix 1 presents the policy pertaining to the collection of recycling and waste from places of worship in Edinburgh.

Implementation

- 5.1 This policy will be maintained by the Council's Waste and Cleansing Service.
5.2 All services outlined are already in place.

Roles and responsibilities

- 6.1 The Waste and Cleansing Manager has overall responsibility for maintaining and updating the policy.

Related documents

- 7.1 None

Equalities impact

- 8.1 No negative equalities impacts have been identified as a result of this policy.
8.2 It is envisaged that the application of this policy would create greater clarity about the services available to places of worship and so ensure that these are treated equally.

Sustainability impact

- 9.1 Waste and Cleansing policies are designed to support integrated recycling services as part of an overall waste management service.
9.2 Improved management of waste by places of worship in Edinburgh will serve to maximise recycling and diversion of waste from landfill while preventing litter and escapes of waste to the wider environment.

Risk assessment

- 10.1 This policy has been agreed by the Transport and Environment Committee as part of the policy assurance process which seeks to ensure increased accountability, transparency and efficiencies concerning Council actions and operations.
10.2 Failure to operate efficient, reliable and customer focussed services represents a risk to the Council's reputation. It is likely that the data collected to support

charging will improve the records of bins versus addresses and so result in an enhanced service.

Review

- 11.1 All Waste and Cleansing Policies will be reviewed on an annual basis and agreed at Transport and Environment Committee

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Places of worship which are treated as exempt from commercial rates under the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956 will be treated as households for the purposes of waste collection and disposal.

Where multiple properties exist as separate addresses on the same site, e.g. a residential dwelling and a church, each is entitled to its own collection.

The following services will be provided at no cost:

240 litres landfill per fortnight;

360 litre mixed recycling per fortnight (paper and card; cans, tins and clean foil; and clean plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays);

Two glass boxes per fortnight;

Two food collection boxes per week;

The capacities provided are significantly greater than those provided to a standard household. Where the quantity of waste presented cannot be accommodated within the provision outlined above, you should in the first instance discuss this with the Waste and Cleansing Service who may be able to advise you of ways to reduce your waste.

Any additional requirement will normally be treated as commercial waste and a commercial waste contract must be put in place to manage this.

Any waste arising from a specific commercial activity such as a café or a crèche must not be placed in the household waste stream, and a commercial contract must be put in place to manage this.