



Bags, boxes or bins?

“ The choice is yours ”

We are having to review our collection procedures to meet the challenging targets set by government. A working party to assess these alternatives for waste collection has reported to Cabinet at SKDC and their observations have now been incorporated into a questionnaire. Please complete this as your views are important.

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– Councillor Ray Auger,
portfolio holder for
healthy environment

LIKE all UK councils, SKDC is coming under significant pressure from central government to improve its recycling targets.

Similarly, the general public has voiced strongly held views about how we collect waste (for example, some believe the current system to be

outdated) – all of which has led to a major review of the collection systems.

As sustainable waste management officer, Dawn Temple explains, SKDC is determined to have a



clear picture of how customers want refuse and recyclables collected in future.

Dawn says: “We are committed to consulting with the public on all issues, but especially on those that they consider to be most important, one of which is definitely waste collection.

“The government has made it clear that we must attain higher recycling targets and to meet those targets we are proposing to introduce an alternate weekly collection system. That means every property moving onto a weekly collection cycle – one week for refuse collection and the next for recyclables – and so on.

“Our challenge is to introduce a scheme with the right short, medium and long term benefits for everyone. That's why we are asking our customers what they want before taking final decisions.”



Dawn Temple

Your views are crucial

OBVIOUSLY different people have different views but SKDC wants an accurate barometer of public opinion. That's why you'll find a questionnaire in this edition of **sktoday** giving you the chance to tell us your preferred type of container for your refuse and recyclables. After all, it's you

who are going to use it!

So please take the time to complete and return the questionnaire. We really need to understand your views and requirements. There are pluses and minuses on both issues – black bags or wheelie bins for refuse and boxes or wheelie bins for recyclables. For example, you might feel that black bags are easier to store and that you feel unable to store – or have access problems – with a wheelie bin. On the other hand, you might believe that the wheelie bins are cleaner, easier to move and that the bags split too easily.

The choice is yours.

“We are determined to provide the best collection service to our residents as well as meeting the government's recycling targets. To do so, firstly we need to know what people think. Whatever your view we need to know it,” adds Dawn Temple.