

# **MINUTES OF CABINET MEMBER SIGNING MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 2026, 2:00PM – 2:15PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Seema Chandwani, Cabinet Member for Resident Services & Tackling Inequality

**In attendance:** Beth Waltzer, Head of Recycling, Waste & Waste Enforcement and Nazyer Choudhury, Principal Committee Co-Ordinator

## **1. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

The Cabinet Member referred to the notice of filming at meetings and this information was noted.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

## **4. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

## **5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / QUESTIONS**

There were none.

## **6. FOOD WASTE EXTENSION PROGRAMME**

By 31 March 2026, local authorities would be required to collect the core recyclable waste streams - plastic, paper and card, glass, metals (cans, tins and foil) and food waste - from all households in England. Whilst Haringey already serves all its households with weekly collections of core dry recyclables, our food waste collection service now needed to extend its reach up to an estimated 9,000 further households, as well as to all flats-above-shops. This required up to £991k total expenditure, none of which created a core budget pressure as funding was to be made up from £581k of Defra transitional grant, £100k NCIL and £310k of accumulated contract SPI reserves.

### **The Cabinet Member RESOLVED**

As required under CSO 21.01, for the Cabinet Member to formally accept the Defra grant to enable the extension of our food waste recycling collections borough wide.

The grant amount is set out in the 'Defra Transitional Grant Determination Letter', Appendix 1, and is as follows:

Capital £416,858  
Revenue £163,863

**Reasons for decision**

The proposed 'Food Waste Extension Programme' and associated grant award from Defra, were necessary for implementing services and subsequently complying with, a change of law prompted by The Environment Act 2020 Regulations 2024.

After a successful challenge of the evidence used by Defra in their allocation of burden funding, Haringey were awarded a total of £580,721 transitional grant upon the understanding that Haringey would comply with the new 'Simpler Recycling' requirements. Members' formal acceptance of this grant, as recommended in 3.1, was a necessary step in satisfying CSO 21.01

In order to fulfil the requirements of Simpler Recycling - specifically, weekly collection of food waste from every household – Strategic Procurement are currently reviewing the available routes to market to ensure the Council maximises the value of the grant funding. The potential procurement routes under consideration include the use of public sector frameworks or undertaking an open tender, depending on which option provides the greatest overall value for the Council.

A high-level estimate of implementation expenditure, along with the source funding, was outlined in the report.

Whilst vehicles were being procured by our incumbent waste contractor, Veolia, on behalf of the Council, the remaining project programme's route to market would be through public sector frameworks or open tendering, depending on which approach offers the greatest value to the Council and maximises the benefit of the grant funding.

With much of the country currently readying for the change in law, there was likely to be considerable impact on manufacturing lead times, thus officers anticipate significant slippage against the 31 March implementation date for facilitating weekly food waste collections from every household in Haringey.

**Alternative options considered**

There was no alternative – weekly food waste collections would be a statutory undertaking as from 31 March 2026. Defra's transitional grant had been awarded after extensive challenge of the evidence used to arrive at a previous grant allocation sum.

CABINET MEMBER: Councillor Seema Chandwani

Signed by Cabinet Member .....

Date .....22 April 2026.....