

Motion 2 (Merton Coalition)

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Council is aware that by 1st January 2015 all rubbish collections must comply with the European Waste Framework Directive and the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 and the Waste (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 which provide that there will be an obligation to collect waste paper, metal, plastic and glass separately where separate collection is:

- Necessary to ensure that waste undergoes recovery operations and to facilitate or improve recovery; and
- Technically, environmentally and economically practicable

Taking food waste into account, this could mean householders in Merton face having to separate their waste into at least six different containers. This will prove problematic for many householders who will not have the space for so many bins in their flats, houses or gardens.

In practice, the extra burden this could place on waste collectors also means Merton may have to consider abandoning the current weekly waste collection service with a less frequent service.

The convenience of weekly bin collections and single, mixed-bin recycling collections are valued by residents in Merton and this Council therefore resolves to request this and subsequent Cabinets to: -

1. Maintain a weekly bin collection beyond 1st January 2015
2. Continue the practice of collecting recyclables by way of a single mixed-bin recycling system beyond 1st January 2015