

Immediate Release

Waste and recycling collection rounds to be improved

Waste and recycling collection rounds in the county will be improved to make it a more efficient service, Powys County Council has announced.

The council's Cabinet yesterday (Tuesday, October 10) gave the go-ahead to optimise the household waste and recycling collection routes to make them more efficient and to meet proposed savings targets.

Although the council will optimise the routes, it will continue to collect waste and recycling five days a week, maintaining the current working pattern. However, the improved routes will mean that collection days for the majority of householders will change.

The council will continue to collect recycling and food waste on a weekly basis and residual waste every three weeks from 7.30am on collection days.

Cllr Phyl Davies, Cabinet Member for Waste and Recycling, said: "Given the numerous service changes that have occurred since the existing rounds were rolled out, they are not considered now to be as efficient as they could be. It is only right that we look where we can make improvements.

"By using route optimisation software, we will be ensuring that the waste and recycling collections rounds are as efficient as they can be. This will also help us save £275,000 by making improvements to our collection rounds.

"However, by revising the collection rounds, it will mean that a large number of householders will see a change in their collection day. We will still continue to collect recycling and food waste on a weekly basis and residual waste every three weeks from 7.30am on collection days.

"This is a very significant project and a great deal of work has already been carried out to improve the collection arrangements that comprise of nearly 250 rounds to service nearly 70,000 properties. There is still some work left to be done before we roll out the new collection rounds early in the new year.

"We are planning to roll out the new collection rounds from February 2018 and all householders will be informed by post of their new collection day closer to the time."

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