



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Health and Environmental Services Committee
Subject:	Access Difficulties for Refuse Collection Vehicles
Date:	4th February, 2009
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Relevant Background Information

Members were previously advised of the issues surrounding access difficulties for refuse collection vehicles in a committee report dated 4th June 2008 (Copy Attached). At that time I indicated that we were purchasing a smaller refuse collection vehicle to facilitate access to narrow streets and those streets with car parking problems.

Key Issues

This report is to advise Members that the new vehicle commenced operations on the 19th January 2009. It will service 87 streets/part streets covering 2,500 households across the city. This new route will ensure a higher rate of first time collection in these areas negating the need to repeatedly return to streets, sometimes on the following day, to try and gain access, when the first attempt failed. This will improve our service to the public and reduce complaints of missed collections.

Resource Implications

The vehicle will be operated from within existing resources.

Recommendation

The Committee is requested to note this improvement in our service to the public.

Document Attached

Health and Environmental Services Committee report of 4th June, 2008

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