



Subject:	Supplementary Waste Storage Guidance for Houses & Apartments in Belfast
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	Members will be aware that, under the Belfast Agenda, the city is seeking to grow by 70,000 population by 2035. In order to facilitate this, amongst the aspects which the Council will need to address is waste storage. In Belfast, for new housing and apartment developments, these are designed in accordance with the Local Government Waste Storage Guide for Northern Ireland (2010) and the Council's own Supplementary Waste Storage Guidance for Developments in Belfast (2014).
1.2	In order to remain fit for purpose, an updated, improved and more practical Supplementary Guidance has been prepared. This has been developed following consulting with Building Control and the Planning Service.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to approve; <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the revised methodology to be applied by the Council to calculate the proportions of residual, dry recyclable and food waste which be incorporated into developments where communal waste containers are to be used; and(ii) the publication of this revised information, in the form of a comprehensively updated "<i>supplementary guidance</i>" document, which should be used in Belfast

	in conjunction with the NI guidance for builders, developers and architects.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Waste Management led the development of the Local Government Waste Storage Guide for Northern Ireland, launched in 2010, to ensure good quality planning for waste storage and access, particularly in apartment blocks. This has helped address operational problems and barriers to recycling performance which the Council had previously encountered because of inadequate and poorly-thought-out waste storage areas.
3.2	In February 2014, the Council's Health & Environmental Services approved the publication of supplementary guidance to help architects and developers apply the NI guidance in line with the specific collection schemes operating in Belfast. This reference document helped balance the workload of staff within Waste Management, Building Control and the Planning Service, while familiarising the construction industry with the Council's requirements and expectations.
3.3	<p>With changing times, and in light of experiences using the earlier supplementary guidance, the above services identified a number of potential amendments/improvements which have subsequently been incorporated into an updated version of this document. Members are now being asked to approve the revision of the guide to reflect these changes, which are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The content has been comprehensively revised and updated to reflect changes which have occurred (for example, the implementation of LGR and the adoption of 180-litre wheeled bins as standard for the collection of general waste) and learning which has been gained (for example, the advantages of individual recycling bins over communal recycling bins) since the original publication. 2. The requirements in terms of the proportions of general waste and recycling capacity have been adjusted, in light of experience, to be more realistic while still firmly biased towards recycling. 3. The format has been revised to be clearer and simpler. <p><u>Key Issues</u></p>
3.4	The revised document reflects changes which have occurred and learning which has been gained since the original publication. Therefore the content is more accurate and

	<p>pertinent. The changes will also make the document more usable and the solutions on the ground more practical for all involved. This is a low-cost/no-cost approach to disseminating important information, which should also benefit in being easier for the Council to use.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p>
3.5	None
	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.6	None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Housing and apartment developments in Belfast: supplementary guidance on waste storage (Version 2 Draft vi)