

Amendment (final para.) to GOLDEN MOTION (LABOUR PARTY): FOUR WEEKLY BIN COLLECTIONS AND CRACKING DOWN ON FLY-TIPPING

This council notes:

1. 84% of people think street litter is a problem locally – this increases to 94% of people living in areas of deprivation.¹
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6. The introduction of measures such as increased fines will act as a significant deterrent.
7. The Green-led administration's consultation on waste collection closes on 10 March, which includes options for three or four weekly black bin collections.
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9. Despite this additional funding, the Green led Council's budget for 2025/26, includes a £500k annual recurring revenue saving in 2025/26 and a further £500k recurring annual revenue saving in 2026/27 by making changes to 'non-recyclable waste collection'.
10. At the time of submission, over 11,000 people have signed a petition against moving to four weekly black bin collections, reflecting the strength of feeling across the city.

This council believes:

1. The council needs to put residents' priorities first. Cracking down on fly-tipping is a priority for residents across Bristol, particularly those in deprived communities.
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