

Emergency Motion by the Administration

Transport and Environment Committee

2 March 2023

Improving Street Cleansing

Committee:

Notes that the publicly available Local Government Benchmarking Framework data for Scotland shows that Edinburgh's in-house waste collection service already operates at a below average cost (£66.30 per premise compared to the Scottish Average of £72.35 and £69.50 for comparable authorities).

Notes that complaints from the public in relation to kerbside waste collections continue to fall, and that the kerbside missed collection rate is now c.0.1%, and that the Council has a Communal Bin Review project in place to drive improvements in communal waste and recycling collections.

Thanks Council staff for their role in improving this service.

Notes that the previous attempt to outsource waste collection in Edinburgh allowed for a missed collection rate of 0.25% before any performance penalties could be applied, and agrees therefore that waste collection and cleansing is best run as an in-house service.

Notes, however, that at the October Committee the underfunding of the street cleansing service was detailed, and therefore welcomes the increased funding for this service allocated as part of the 2023/24 budget.

Asks for Officers to provide a report in one cycle which details the improvements to the in-house Waste and Cleansing service in Edinburgh that can be made using the additional funding allocated as part of the 2023/24 budget.

Moved by: Cllr Scott Arthur

Seconded by: