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Changes to Waste Legislation & Review of Existing Agreements – March 2027

Dear Clerk,

You may be aware that changes to national waste legislation, as a result of the Simpler Recycling reforms, are due to come into force in March 2027, introducing additional requirements relating to the separation and collection of waste materials.

In light of these changes, and recognising that a number of legislative, regulatory and operational developments have been introduced over recent years, Swindon Borough Council will be undertaking a comprehensive review of all existing service arrangements, deeds and Service Level Agreements (SLAs) currently in place between the Council and Parish Councils.

The purpose of this review is to ensure that all existing arrangements remain compliant with current legislation, are appropriate to current operational requirements and remain fit for purpose. It will also provide an opportunity to ensure that the respective responsibilities, service expectations and provisions within these agreements are clearly understood and reflect the current financial, environmental and legislative context in which services are delivered.

The review will consider the scope and operation of existing arrangements, including the practical implications of the March 2027 legislative changes, the services currently provided and any operational or contractual adjustments that may be necessary to ensure arrangements remain consistent, effective and sustainable for the future.

Over the coming months, officers will engage with Parish Councils to review existing agreements and discuss any amendments that may be required. Until this review has been completed, the Council is unable to provide definitive advice on specific local arrangements or confirm whether existing provisions will remain unchanged.

To assist us with this process, we would request that you provide copies of any Service Level Agreements or other relevant service agreements that you hold, either directly with the Council or with appointed contractors, by 30th November 2026.

We recognise that these changes and the wider review may present challenges, and we are committed to working collaboratively with Parish Councils to ensure that future arrangements are clear, practical and sustainable, while supporting the effective delivery of services across the borough.

Further information regarding the review process and next steps will be shared in due course.

If you have any immediate questions, please feel free to contact me on ssingleton1@swindon.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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