

**Joint Scrutiny Panel of Somerset
Waste Board (virtual meetings
from July due to Coronavirus)
Wednesday 10 February 2021
2.00 pm**



SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA

To: The Members of the Joint Scrutiny Panel of Somerset Waste Board (virtual meetings from July due to Coronavirus)

We are now able to enclose the following information which was unavailable when the agenda was published:

Item 9	Recycle More Update (Pages 3 - 10) To consider the report.
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SWP: Update on Recycle More

February Board/Scrutiny



Recycle More: Eight-week Summary

Recycle More Impact after 8 weeks

Extra recycling

678
tonnes

15%
Increase

Extra small
electricals

13
tonnes

Extra
cardboard

378
tonnes

43%
Increase

Extra
food waste

172
tonnes

12%
Increase

Extra
plastic bottles
pots, tubs & trays

73
tonnes

25%
Increase

Extra
household
batteries

2
tonnes

Extra
glass bottles
and jars

138
tonnes

13%
Increase

Rubbish/
residual
waste

22%
Decrease



Communal recycling in Mendip

Approx. **3,270** households across **210** properties/sites – mostly flats, HoMOs and retirement developments.

Residents bring recycling to a shared point for collection.

Current service – **complicated & inconsistent!**

All sites are different, arrangements have evolved. Any combination of the following:

Communal recycling - bins in a shared space.

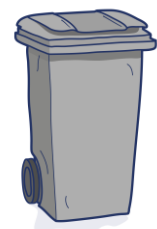
Only paper, glass bottles and jars, tins & cans, aerosols & foil.

Collected when 80% full, usually every 2 weeks. (approx. 2,200)

Individual/kerbside recycling – individually requested food waste collections from weekly 'kerbside' service & some cardboard/plastic bottles.

Picked up from a communal spot, or kerb if there is one.

No recycling – (approx. 60) where there is no space.



Rubbish – most have communal collections from a shared space.

Picked up when 80% full, usually every 2 weeks (some more often).



Communal recycling: what's changing?

Principles

Where possible, offer full individual/kerbside service:

Around 1,300 households.

If individual/kerbside not possible, offer expanded communal service.

Adds plastic bottles, pots, tubs & trays & cardboard; stickers & signs.

Around 1,700 households.

Where we cannot offer whole site individual/kerbside service, any kerbside collections replaced with expanded communal.

Food waste: Where currently be collected, this will continue. All households can request food waste recycling. Further work after full Recycle More roll-out



4 recycling services

- 1. Communal recycling & communal rubbish:** 1,740 households.
- 2. Individual/kerbside recycling & communal rubbish:** 1,100 households
- 3. Individual/kerbside recycling & rubbish :** 350 households
- 4. No recycling possible:.** Approx. 80 households



Communal recycling: Communications

New services introduced in Mendip from **8 March 2021**



- **Management companies** written to in Oct & Jan.
- **Warm up postcards** 5 weeks before change. Change is coming & timescales.
- **Letters to residents** 3 weeks before change – what is mean for them.
- **Stickers & signage**

Help and support

- Contact centre staff have been briefed & will be trained.
- Support from Waste Management Officers (temporary extra resource)



Communal recycling: in practice

Before



After



Planned roll-out timetable

Rolled-out in phases as depots are upgraded and to ensure we support residents:

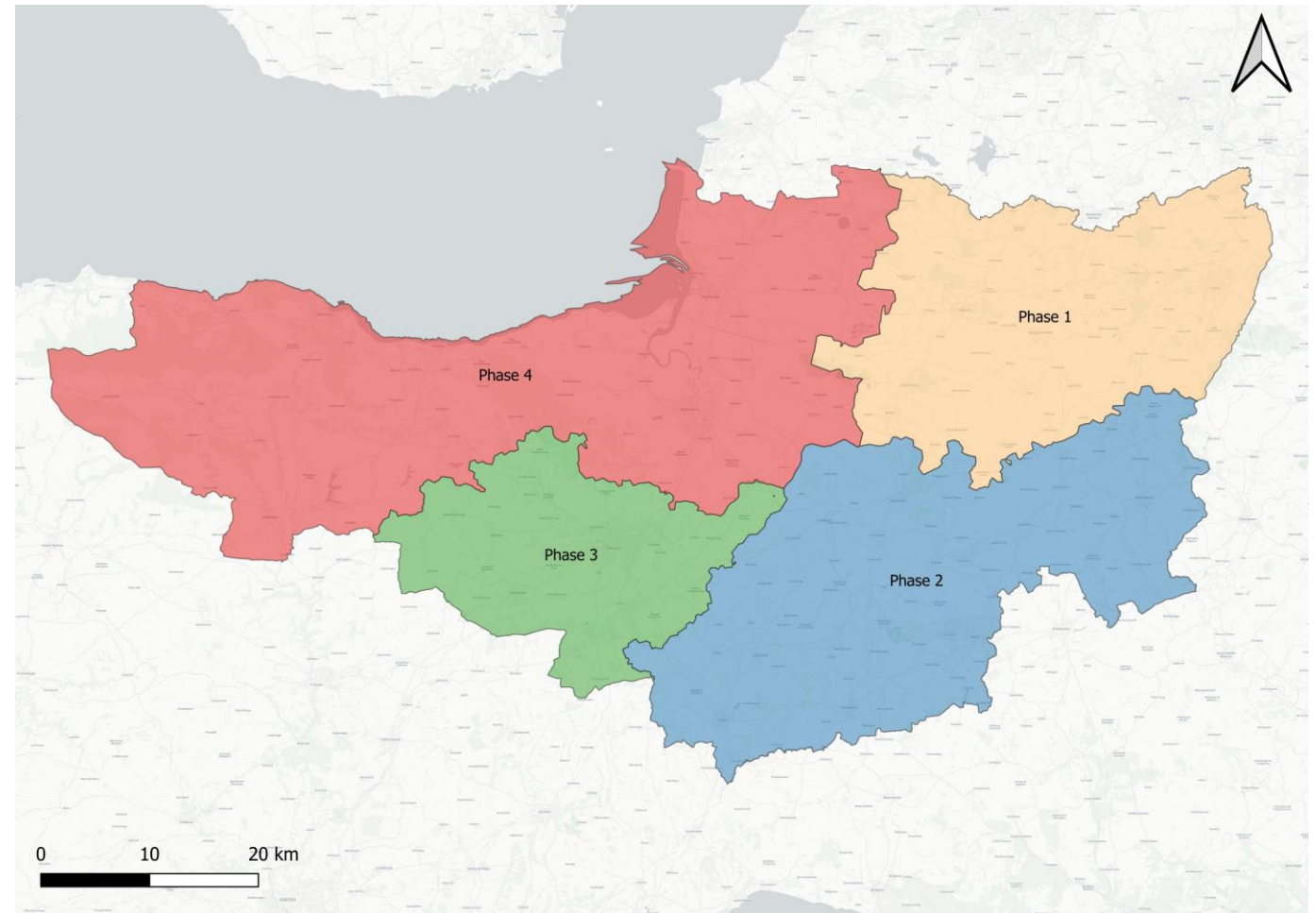
Phase 1: Complete Mendip communals – early March

Phase 2: June/July 2021

Phase 3: Sept/Oct 2021

Phase 4: Feb/March 2022

TBC: Schools roll-out



Planned South Somerset timetable

- **Awareness raising and engagement period:** March/April (inc. stakeholder briefing pack, posters, district/parish engagement meetings)
- **Warm-up leaflet:** w/c 17 May
- **Pre-launch leaflet:** w/c 7 June
- **Blue bag delivery:** from 14 June (inc. stickers on recycling boxes)
- **New service starts:** Monday 28 June (depending upon your collection day)
- **Period of support following launch** (inc. additional staff)

