

## Appearance of Containers

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**Planning Committee**  
**27 November 2003**

### **1 Purpose of report**

- 1.1 Following a request by the Development Control Sub Committee on 1 October 2003, this report advises Committee of the revised use of flashings and signs on domestic containers.

### **2 Summary**

- 2.1 A number of changes to domestic waste containers will improve their appearance.

### **3 Main report**

- 3.1 The Development Control Sub Committee on 1 October 2003 considered that the flashings and tow-away notices on domestic waste containers detract from their appearance and questioned their necessity for road safety reasons in all locations.
- 3.2 Containers have been fitted with red and white reflective flashings on the corners and tow-away signs as standard, regardless of their proposed location on the footway or carriageway. The flashings are a road safety device to highlight the presence of the container, particularly at night, for road users whilst the tow-away signs discourage parking adjacent to the container.
- 3.3 The issue of whether these devices are required on footway locations or on the footway side of carriageway location has been discussed by Environmental and Consumer Services, Transport and Planning and Strategy and new practices have been agreed as follows:

#### Containers on the footway

No tow-away signs or flashings, unless there is an exceptional road safety issue or problem with accessing the container for emptying

#### Containers on the carriageway

No tow-away signs or flashings on the footway side, unless there is an exceptional road safety issue.

- 3.4 The above changes will affect all new containers installed and future replacements.
- 3.5 Further improvements such as painting or enamelling of metal fixtures will be pursued with Environmental and Consumer Services.

#### **4 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 None

#### **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1 Having pursued the matters raised by Members of the Development Quality Sub Committee, a number of simple changes will improve the appearance of domestic waste containers.
- 5.2 This report discharges the Sub Committee's remit of 1 October 2003.

#### **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the contents of this report.



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<b>Appendices</b>	None
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<b>Wards affected</b>	All
<b>Background Papers</b>	None