

AGENDA ITEM No. .. **15**.....

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: Wheeled Bins Cumbernauld - Result of Public Consultation.
From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
Date: 6th January, 1999 Ref: GB/TM	

PROPOSED DECISION

To note the report.

REPORT

Members will recall the decision to convert the remaining areas of Cumbernauld from the original plastic sack system of refuse collection to the wheeled bin system in keeping with the rest of North Lanarkshire.

As part of this changeover a public consultation exercise was undertaken in the area whereby each occupier was given a questionnaire to complete and then return it freepost to the Department during December.

Seven thousand seven hundred and fifty seven questionnaires were delivered to householders and of these one thousand seven hundred and sixteen were returned a response of twenty two percent.

Of the one thousand seven hundred and sixteen responses one thousand two hundred and fifty four were in favour of the new system (73.1 %) with four hundred and twenty four being against its introduction (24.7%). A further thirty eight residents expressed no preference for or against the system (2.2%). Taking the 73.1 % in favour and assuming that the people who did not return a questionnaire had no complaint with the system then it can be assumed that the vast majority of the residents in the area are in favour of the new wheeled bin system.

The remaining questions in the questionnaire were asked to help supply technical information for the Department's information and are currently being analysed.

In summary, of the seven thousand seven hundred and fifty questionnaires sent out only 5.47% returned a response intimating that they were unhappy with the system.

RECOMMENDATION

To note the report.

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