

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Question from Bob Jones

Why are we suffering with 3 weeks bin collections, bins are not big enough and when you apply to get a bigger bin you get told NO !!!! But council can waste money on crazy stuff no relevant to the people off Powys in vast amounts !!!!

Response

The three weekly residual collections have now been in place for a number of years and are common across many authorities in Wales. It is important to remember that we do provide a weekly collection of recyclable material including food, paper and card, plastics and cans, and glass. If all these recyclables are removed from the residual waste, there should not be a problem with what is left being collected every three weeks. Some residents may be eligible to apply for a larger bin if they meet certain criteria such as a very large household, increased medical requirements, or two or more children in nappies. However, each application must be individually assessed to ensure that they are recycling all that they can. If there are recyclable materials in the residual waste, residents will be advised to use the weekly recycling collections to free up space in the residual bin. The Council is required to meet very strict Statutory Recycling Targets set by the Welsh Government with significant financial penalties for failing to do so. These targets are there to ensure that resources are there for future generations and it is important that everyone plays their part in reaching these targets.