

## Members Briefing

### Absorbent Hygiene Product (AHP) – Disposable Nappy Collections

Following the all-members Target 70 waste and recycling seminars, which were held online on 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Cabinet have approved the recommendation to introduce an Absorbent Hygiene Product (AHP) collection service. Absorbent Hygiene Products are non-clinical or non-medical waste materials, such as disposable nappies or incontinence pads.

#### **Background:**

The Council has been awarded £282k of funding by Welsh Government to deliver an Absorbent Hygiene Product (AHP) and nappy disposal collection service (for up to 20% of all properties). The funding has provided support the purchase of a dedicated collection vehicle to deliver the service, appropriate containers and bags to provide to residents for storage, and to make any necessary depot improvements to bulk and store the waste prior to disposal.

The introduction of an AHP collection service will be on request and will complement the current medical waste collection service, which will continue unchanged. The benefit of introducing this service will be to remove this waste stream from the black wheeled bin, with the long term goal of finding a recycling solution for this waste. We recognise that some households may need help to dispose of these items and we have therefore introduced an additional collection service to deal with this type of waste.

Households who require this service are invited to complete an online e-form which can be found on the Council [Website](#) or, alternatively, telephone the Streetscene Contact Centre on 01352 701234.

Once applications have been approved, new containers will be delivered to eligible households and collections will take place on a weekly basis for a two-year period or until they are no longer required (if this is sooner). The service will be for households who use a large amount of nappies or incontinence products and find that they do not have enough space for these items in their black wheeled bin. Sanitary waste and infectious clinical waste will not be collected as part of this service, and alternative collections are available for the disposal of these waste streams.

#### **Key Dates:**

##### **From 4<sup>th</sup> October**

- Applications for the service will be open with the option to subscribe either online or by telephone through the Streetscene Contact Centre (01352 701234)
- Delivery of 75L orange box (with lid) and plastic storage bags to subscribed households
- Planning of the rounds for the AHP collection service.

##### **From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

- The collection service will commence
- A weekly collection service will be provided (NOTE: these collections may not take place on the same day as the regular, scheduled waste and recycling collections)
- There is an expectation that up to 20% of residents will require the service.

Further information can be found on the Council website, along with the online application form.