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Councillor Tinsley
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Dear Councillor Tinsley

Council Meeting – Wednesday 21st May 2025

Thank you for your question raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 21st May 2025. I have set out your question and my response below.

With the implementation of software (confirm) for Regeneration and Environment. This saw a reduction in previous street bin schedules across the borough. Would you agree that bin scheduling should of remained at previous levels with a view to have increased or reduced the emptying of bins once we had relevant data and feedback?

There should not have been a reduction in street bin schedules, however the introduction of 'Confirm' showed that some local teams were not adhering to the correct schedules, resulting in additional unscheduled collections. This has now been addressed.

We have since instructed operatives to follow the schedule, to ensure the service can be adjusted where needed, based on accurate data and actual collection levels. The introduction of 'Confirm' has allowed the service to monitor when bins are getting full more often in order to adjust schedules based on evidence, to ensure maximum efficiency of the service.

Throughout the year, the service has been reviewing and adjusting bin levels across the borough and will continue to do so as needed to meet demand. As noted in my earlier response to Cllr Bacon, the investments in this service and the work of the team have seen reports relating to overflowing bins fall by 73%.

Yours sincerely



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