

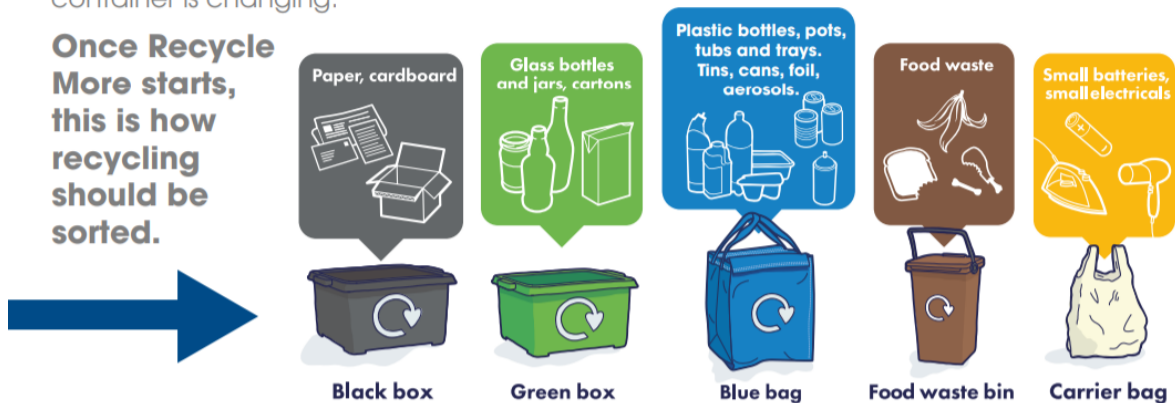
### District Council News

- **Keep Britain Tidy is running a [Spring Clean](#) between 28th May - 13th June** - I've got my hands on some litter-picking kit, and will be organising teams (max. 6 due to covid) to go out across the Parrett Ward. If you can spare a couple of hours picking litter around East Chinnock please drop me an email: [oliver.patrick@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:oliver.patrick@southsomerset.gov.uk)
- **Recycle More is coming in June!**
  - Full information can be found here: <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more/>

## What will go where?

With new items collected in the **Bright Blue Bag**, what goes into which recycling container is changing.

**Once Recycle More starts, this is how recycling should be sorted.**



- **Unitary update** - The last couple of weeks have been quite a rollercoaster regarding the unitary issue. The leaders of the 4 District Councils wrote to the Secretary of State (SoS) who will decide Somerset's fate (Robert Jenrick MP) to express their concerns about his consultation. Concerns centred around the consultation's use of inaccessible language and the use of an exclusive shortlist of bodies invited to respond. Additionally, there was nothing to stop anyone filling out the consultation multiple times and from anywhere in the world. **The SoS did not address any of these concerns.** Consequently, Somerset's 4 District Councils are of the opinion that a public poll (referendum) would clearly demonstrate which model (one council or two councils) commands the most public support.

#### In short:

- Councillors from all political parties were united across the four District Councils, and **voted to proceed with an advisory poll (referendum) of Somerset's residents** (unfortunately the Conservatives at SSDC voted **against** having a vote)
- The poll will run from 18th May - 4th June, with electors having the choice to vote by postal or online. The poll will cost 72p per elector
- The result will be published at the start of June, in time for the SoS's decision which is due in July

- **SSDC's CEO is departing for New Zealand in July** - Alex Parmley has overseen an incredible transformation programme at SSDC, following government funding cuts in the region of 70% over the last decade. Under his leadership, South Somerset has endured NO CUTS to services run by the District Council. The Council's successful commercial strategy has left it less exposed to the ill-effects of the pandemic, and better-placed to help the area recover post-covid. Alex will be sorely missed! More information can be found [here](#)

## Coronavirus response

- *There is still one Somerset-wide contact number for covid enquiries: 0300 790 6275*
- Support can also be found here: <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/coronavirus>

## Planning

- Nothing on my desk at the moment.

## Casework relevant to East Chinnock

- Dog fouling signs - did the PC receive them from/have them installed by Clare Warman?

## Upcoming Events

- Area West - 19th May
- Next Full Council - 30th April + 5th May

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