

Paragraph 12.02 of Part 4 of the Rules of Procedure contained within the City Council's Constitution provides that a Member of the Council may submit a written question to any Cabinet Member.

This document informs Members of Council of written questions put to Cabinet Members and written replies thereto.

**Council is recommended to RESOLVE to note the written questions submitted and corresponding responses.**

No.	Question from/to	Question										
1.	From Councillor Ryall to the Cabinet Member for Environment	<p>What types of waste (refuse) collection vehicle are currently in use by Gloucester city council, or its subcontractors, and how many of each are currently in service?</p> <p>What is the maximum width of the waste collection vehicles currently in use by Gloucester City council?</p> <p>Has this width changed within the last year?</p> <p>What criteria is used to determine which waste collection vehicle is used on a street by street basis?</p> <p>What consideration is given to the efficacy of waste collection on a street by street basis if the dimensions of collection vehicles changes?</p>										
<b>Response</b>												
<p>We use standard 26 tonne RCV refuse vehicles and we have 5 of them. In addition we have a small 7.5 tonne truck for restricted access areas including caravan parks, weight restricted bridges, flats, this vehicle is already over capacity and has a very small payload.</p> <p>The dimensions for the vehicles are as follows.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="276 1664 1026 2045"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="276 1664 735 1731">Dimensions (metres)</th> <th data-bbox="743 1664 1026 1731">Waste Vehicle</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="276 1742 735 1809">Width (W1)</td> <td data-bbox="743 1742 1026 1809">2.65m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="276 1821 735 1888">Overall length</td> <td data-bbox="743 1821 1026 1888">11m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="276 1899 735 1966">Height</td> <td data-bbox="743 1899 1026 1966">3.6m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="276 1977 735 2045">Swept Circle (diameter)</td> <td data-bbox="743 1977 1026 2045">23m</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Dimensions (metres)	Waste Vehicle	Width (W1)	2.65m	Overall length	11m	Height	3.6m	Swept Circle (diameter)	23m
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It should be noted that these widths have not changed in the last year.												

	<p>The waste vehicles are all standard size, except for the small 7.5 tonne vehicle which is no longer fit for purpose due to the amount of problems we are having with narrow streets and parking. This vehicle needs to be changed for something suitable for the job, and then a new collection round can be created for these issues. However the 7.5 tonne would still be needed for certain areas where weight restricted bridges prevent anything other than a 7.5 tonne vehicle from entering. It is also used for caravan parks, Rea Lane in Hempsted, several blocks of flats which have bin chutes etc. Adding another 12 tonne vehicle suitable for the streets in Barton, Longlevens, Moreland and Westgate which give us the collection problems would therefore mean a growth in the budget.</p>
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