

Council to look into zero tolerance approach to industrial waste

Edinburgh is set to explore options for a more robust approach to dealing with business waste in a bid to help reduce clutter on the city's streets.

A report to the [Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee on Thursday 11 October](#) will consider whether a zero tolerance approach to large and bulky on-street containers could be explored further. This would follow in the example of other local authorities in the country, such as Westminster and Manchester, who currently adopt this approach to the storage of waste on the streets.

In both cities this has developed into a policy that requires all waste to be stored on business premises and presented just before the time of collection. This effective management of trade waste has led to streets being less cluttered as well as improving the cleanliness of the area.

It is proposed that The City of Edinburgh Council explores the options and implications of taking a more robust approach to trade waste enforcement with an initial focus on the city centre.



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Councillor Lesley Hinds, the city's Transport and Environment Convener, said: "Communities, particularly in the City Centre

and Leith area, have frequently highlighted this as a concern as large, trade waste containers can have a detrimental impact not only on the look of an area but also the cleanliness.

“We now need to look at the options for how this can be better managed so that there is more of a balance between the needs of businesses and the needs of residents.”

The report can be viewed [online](#). If approved next Thursday, a further report on the options will be presented to a future meeting of the committee.