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Thursday October 3rd - 'Refuse and Recycling' - John King, Pembs. County Council, Waste and Recycling Department.

John briefed us on the changes that will take place with refuse and recycling when the County Council introduces a new process in November. This is aimed at meeting higher targets for recycling, laid down by the Welsh Assembly. Another objective is to pass more responsibility for the recycling to householders. This will involve householders having five containers which will enable them to be more specific about separating the types of product that will be put out for collection.

Each household has received a package through the post which describes the system and it is important that everyone does their best to follow the rules. Five containers will continue to be collected on a weekly basis, but each household will also have a roll of grey plastic bags which will take only plastic containers and plastic film. These will be collected every three weeks.

A number of members raised concerns about things like storage space. John said this can be a problem with but has usually been overcome in trial runs that have been carried out. His advice is that if, when the process starts you feel you have a problem, you should call them at County Hall. There are different rules for holiday lets which will have to follow business procedures.

The sting in the tail is that if the County does not meet its target, the Welsh Assembly will impose a fine which the County can only pay by taking away money from other valuable services. This gives us all an incentive to do the job properly.