



REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

PORTFOLIO AREA:

Date of Meeting: 17th March 2008

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Key Decision: No

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No

Inside Policy Framework

Title: Plastic & Cardboard Collection Facilities at Council
Neighbourhood Recycling Centres

Report of: Director of Community Services

Report reference: CS 11/08

Summary: At its meeting on the 17th December 2007, the Executive requested that the Director of Community Services report on the progress made on the introduction of 'small plastics recycling containers' at selected recycling sites across Carlisle. The following report details the progress made to date and lists the proposed sites

Recommendations: Members are recommended to approve the contents of this report.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

- 1.1 At its meeting on the 17th December 2007, the Executive requested that the Director of Community Services report on the progress made on the introduction of 'small plastics recycling containers' at selected recycling sites across Carlisle. The following report details the progress made to date and lists the proposed sites.
- 1.2 The review of the Council's new household waste collection service clearly identified that there is a significant demand from the public for the Council's recycling service, in particular the kerbside collection of plastics and cardboard. However, the review also identified that the resources currently available for the kerbside collection of plastics and cardboard preclude any major extensions to the scheme (beyond those identified in the review). As a result, the provision of a plastics and cardboard recycling service to those areas not covered by the kerbside scheme would be delivered via facilities sited at the Council's Neighbourhood Recycling Centres. (Otherwise known as 'bring sites').
- 1.3 It is proposed that plastic and cardboard recycling facilities (in most cases 1100 litre wheeled bins) are sited at 20 Neighbourhood Recycling Centres. Appendix 1 lists the proposed locations along with the number of bins needed at each site. (Most of the sites selected already have cardboard recycling.) Members should note that whilst existing resources (in this case bins) can be utilised to provide the bulk of the collection infrastructure at the recycling centres (leaving a capital cost of £6,000), the revenue cost of servicing the bins is £15,000 p.a. The plastics recycling bins will be emptied by the Council's main recycling contractor, Cumbria Waste Recycling. Members should note that the Council cannot implement the plastic and card recycling at the 20 Bring Sites until the purchase of PC 4 has been secured. The bring sites are an initial solution, longer term, it is the intention to extend the kerbside collection of plastic and card.
- 1.4 Report reference CS103/07 presented to the Executive on 17th December 2007 stated that the provision and on-going servicing of 20 plastic 'bring sites' will be met from the existing Waste Services base budget in 2008/09 plus the committed contribution from the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership (CSWP). Members should note however, that funding the revenue costs of the service is dependent on the procurement of a fourth plastic and cardboard collection vehicle (PC4). An application for capital support (from the CSWP's 'Waste Infrastructure Capital Fund') has been submitted which would enable the capital purchase of PC4 and reduce the annual revenue costs associated with that vehicle. This application will be considered and approved at the CSWP's board meeting on 5th March 2008.

2. CONSULTATION

Stakeholders at all of the proposed sites have been consulted and agreement has been obtained from the majority of the sites (N.B. those awaiting confirmation are not included in the list of sites).

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are recommended to approve the contents of this report.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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5. IMPLICATIONS

- Staffing/Resources – Existing resources will be utilised to supply the bulk of the infrastructure required. No additional staffing is required.
- Financial – If the application for capital support from the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership for the purchase of vehicle PC4 is successful, this would release revenue budget originally allocated for the annual leasing charge. This could then be vired and used to finance the revenue implications of providing the additional bring site bins: £7,800 for servicing the bins and £7,200 to cover any additional costs incurred by fly tipping associated with the new facilities. The new vehicle would attract an annual depreciation charge for the Waste Service function: however this is a notional charge which has no impact on the Council's overall revenue budget.
- Legal – None
- Corporate – None
- Risk Management – The major risk associated with the proposal is that the proposed sites are overwhelmed. Additional bins can be provided where space allows. Budget provision has been included to monitor these sites and to deal with flytipping.

- Equality Issues – The proposal seeks to extend the provision of the Council’s plastics recycling facilities.
- Environmental –.The proposal will help to reduce the amount of household waste sent to landfill.
- Crime and Disorder – None
- Impact on Customers – The proposal will provide additional recycling facilities for residents not included in the Council's kerbside collections.

Appendix 1

Proposed sites for 1100 litre plastic recycling bins	Number of Bins
City Sites	
Harraby Green Business Park	2
Belgarth Square	1
Paddy's Market	2
Lower Viaduct car park	1
Sands Centre	1
Civic Centre	1
Greystone Community Centre	2
Art College	2
St Martins College (University of Cumbria)	3
Rural sites	
Hallbankgate Co-op	2
Scaleby Village Hall	1
Hethersgill Village Hall	2
Nicholforest Village Hall	2
Low Row, Railway Inn	1
Robin Hood Inn, Smithfield	2
Walton Village Hall	2
Roadhead Village Hall	2
Stapelton Village Hall	2
Cumwhitton, The Pheasant Inn	2