

## **PAPER AND PLASTIC RECYCLING BANKS**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval to the siting of eight plastic recycling banks around the District, by utilising some of the savings made through a new contract for the paper banks.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Council has 55 sites around the District where recycling bring banks are located. These sites range in the number of banks that they contain and the range of materials that can be collected.
- 2.2 At present there are bring banks at various sites that cater for the collection of paper, glass, textiles and cans, but not plastic.
- 2.3 The expansion of the kerbside recycling service in November of this year will go across the whole District but, unlike the current scheme, will not include the collection of plastic.

### **3 FUTURE BANK SITE PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 At present there are two separate contracts for the emptying of the paper banks around the District, one being with Aylesford and the other with Cory.
- 3.2 The Cory contract is much more expensive than Aylesford but is due to expire in September 2004 and therefore notice has been given not to renew this contract, with the emptying of paper banks on the affected sites to be carried out by Aylesford from 1 October 2004, at no additional cost.
- 3.3 The recycling team have been researching the options for providing bank sites for the recycling of plastic, as there are no facilities currently available in the District for this particular material.
- 3.4 After speaking to a range of companies and gaining quotations for the service, the most beneficial bid was from Greens Recycling to install and empty eight plastic bring banks around the District, for an annual of cost £11,500.80.

3.5 The cost to the Council of the Cory paper bank contract was £14,054.60 per annum and it is proposed that when this contract ends in September 2004, and is carried out by Aylesford, a contract is taken out for the plastic banks as detailed above.

3.6 This would result in the installation of plastic banks that are not currently provided, no reduction in the number of paper bank sites around the District and a reduction of £2,553.80 per annum on the overall recycling bank site costs.

#### **4 RISK IMPLICATIONS**

##### **4.1 Operational Risk**

The Council's recycling section will monitor the performance of the bank site contractors, to ensure that an efficient service is provided to both the public and the Council.

#### **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The cost of implementing the plastic recycling banks will be £11,500.80 per annum but the changing of some of the paper bank collections from Cory to Aylesford will remove a contract cost of £14,054.60 per annum, therefore giving an overall reduction of £2,553.80 per annum.

#### **6 RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That Members consider the content of this report and agree the implementation of eight plastic recycling banks located around the District from 1 October 2004.

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**Background Papers:**

None

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