

## **PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL PAPER RECYCLING COLLECTION AT GOLDEN CROSS, ASHINGDON – UPDATE**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with details of various options available to provide additional paper recycling collections at the Golden Cross Shopping Parade, Ashingdon, as requested at Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 21 January 2003.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 There are currently four 1100 litre Euro bins that are being used for recycling paper which are collected on a fortnightly basis. However, the extent of public usage of this site means that they are becoming full in approximately one week, with staff having to redistribute additional paper to adjacent sites.
- 2.2 Investigations have therefore been carried out to ascertain the viability of the following options:
- To increase the collection cycle to a weekly collection.
  - To providing a larger recycling container to accommodate the excess paper.
  - To provide additional 1100 litre bins.

### **3 PROPOSALS**

#### **3.1 Weekly Collection**

A weekly collection cycle can be introduced to accommodate the collection of the excess paper at a cost of approximately £5,200 per annum. This has been discussed with the Council's existing contractor, who has confirmed that they can accommodate this service within their current operations.

### **3.2 Larger Recycling Container**

The Council's current contractor, who provides the collection service for the large paper containers, has undertaken a site visit to investigate the feasibility of siting an FEL (front end loader) container at the Golden Cross Shopping Parade. Whilst this container provides more storage space than four 1100 litre Euro bins, the contractor has stated that this site is not suitable for an FEL container, as there is insufficient space for the collection vehicle to manoeuvre during the collection process.

### **3.3 Additional 1100 Litre Bin**

Currently there is insufficient space to accommodate the siting of additional 1100 litre containers without utilising some of the existing parking bays. In order to adequately cope with a fortnightly collection, it would require a minimum of an additional four 1100 containers. This would take up four of the existing 11 parking bays in the immediate area of the bins with only another 11 spaces directly in front of the shops.

## **4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Improved recycling facilities would remove the continuous nuisance of paper being left adjacent to the recycling bank.

## **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Funding for the weekly collection option as detailed in 3.1 has been agreed at the special Council meeting from of 28 January where a provision of £4,000 (including allowance for recycling credits that would be received by the Council) was made in the 2003/04 budget.

## **9 RECOMMENDATION**

- 9.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

To agree to the implementation of a weekly collection cycle of the paper recycling bins at Golden Cross, Ashingdon.

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**Background Papers:**

None.

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