

EXPANSION OF RECYCLING SCHEME (Min 80/01)

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the timetable for the implementation of the extra 3500 households on to the recycling scheme.
- 1.2 The report will also provide Members with a proposal for where the 3500 could be located within the District and how they would be allocated.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At the Meeting of the Full Council on 20 February 2001, the decision was taken to expand the current recycling scheme to 5000 households across the District. This would involve adding another 3500 households to the 1500 that are already participating in the recycling trial.
- 2.2 The extended scheme would operate in the same way as the trial to maintain continuity of service and avoid any excessive disruption. Those households included would receive a fortnightly collection of residual waste (grey bin) and organic waste (green bin) in addition to a weekly collection of dry recyclables (blue box).

3 IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE

- 3.1 In order to efficiently introduce the extra 3500 households, the following timetable would need to be put in place, which in turn would then contribute to its success and subsequent recycling rates.
 - Appointment of Recycling Officer and Recycling Assistant by May 2001.
 - Notification to 3500 new households by June 2001.
 - Production of promotional literature by June 2001.
 - Tender for the purchase of extra green and blue receptacles – delivery by July 2001.
 - Consultation / education process including public meetings, Ward Member involvement etc. to take place through June, July and August 2001.
 - Commence collections by mid September 2001.

- 3.2 In order to be able to implement the expansion successfully the recruitment of the two recycling posts is imperative, in order to resource the above timetable.

4 PROPOSED LOCATIONS

- 4.1 The proposed households (detailed in Appendix 1) for inclusion in the scheme have been selected after taking into consideration the following factors:-

- Consultation with the Contractor, Serviceteam Ltd.
- Choosing current refuse rounds, in order to minimise public disruption.
- Spreading the collection rounds throughout the week, enabling the Contractor to use the same crew who are already used to collecting on the trial scheme and the issues that can occur.
- Locating the rounds around the District and therefore maximising the expansion of public knowledge and experience of the project.
- Analysing the number of households within the various rounds.

- 4.2 In the summary of Appendix 1, it is proposed that the recycling scheme would consist of the following areas:

Tuesday	Hullbridge	1200 households approximately.
Wednesday	Ashingdon	1500 households approximately.
Thursday	Rayleigh	1000 households approximately.
Friday	Hockley	1300 households approximately.
Total:		5000

5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The effective expansion of the recycling scheme will assist the Council in meeting its statutory standards set under the Best Value process. Recycling is of National and Local importance and is part of the Council's Agenda 21 Strategy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The resources required to implement the 5000 properties is included within the estimates for 2001/02.

7 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 7.2 The three-stream recycling scheme will be applied to a proportion of the households in the parishes where the selected collection rounds operate.

8 RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**
- (1) That the timetable for expansion of the recycling scheme be agreed.
 - (2) That the location of the collection rounds that would operate the recycling scheme be agreed.

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Background Papers:

None

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