

ADDITIONAL BRING BANK SITES

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to gain Members' approval to the provision of additional sites for the location of recycling bring banks, as detailed within the report.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 In addition to the Council's kerbside recycling service, the Council also provides a number of locations around the District for the siting of recycling bring banks.
- 2.2 There are currently over 30 sites comprising banks that cater for a range of materials including glass, paper, textiles, plastic bottles and cans.
- 2.3 These sites prove to be extremely beneficial in the Council's strategy to maximise its level of recycling, as in 2003/4 they produced 1,272 tonnes of recyclable material. The Council receives a recycling credit of £36.18 per tonne from Essex County Council for this material and advertises the locations of these sites, in conjunction with its kerbside recycling information.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 One of the prime reasons for seeking additional locations for modular paper banks is to enable the Council to provide a wider availability of recycling options to residents, which in turn could mean that we are able to capture a greater percentage of the paper from the waste stream. This material also forms a large percentage of household rubbish.
- 3.2 The provision of bring banks are generally a relatively cheap and easy way of collecting recyclable material. It can also complement kerbside recycling schemes, not only by offering additional outlets for recycling, but also in collecting different / additional materials.
- 3.3 The bring bank sites are closely monitored by the Council's recycling assistant to ensure that they are emptied on the appropriate frequencies and that their condition is of an acceptable standard. This monitoring can also identify differing demand levels at the various sites. The provision of additional sites would also improve our Best Value Indicator that measures the percentage of properties that fall within one kilometre of recycling facilities.

4 SITE PROPOSALS

4.1 Grange Community Centre (Paper, Textile and Plastic Banks)

4.1.1 This site had previously been a location for bring banks but these were removed following a decision taken at the meeting of the Community Services Committee on 21 November 2000 (min.389/00). However, the Recycling Section has received support from residents to reinstate some bring bank provision at this location and in fact the previous provision did generate a high tonnage level.

4.1.2 Due to previous problems at this site, which primarily were related to the glass bottle banks, the recycling staff have met on site with the Council's Community Safety Officer and the Rayleigh Police Crime Reduction Officer. Their conclusions were that having bring banks on this site should not specifically create any damage or nuisance issues and in fact the previous presence of the banks had deterred car racing in the car park area and seemed to contribute to a lower number of vandalism incidences due to their regular usage.

4.1.3 The proposal at this site is to provide banks for paper, textiles and plastics only and not glass bottle banks, due to previous issues. If Members were to agree to this site, it is suggested that it would be subject to a six month and annual review in the first year.

4.2 Spencer Gardens Car Park (Paper Bank)

4.2.1 The feasibility of this location has included discussions with the Chairman of Hawkwell Village Hall and also the Hawkwell Parish Council, who both felt that the provision of a paper bank at this location would not cause a problem and in fact provide residents with much closer accessibility to such a facility than at present.

4.3 The Freight House (Paper Bank)

4.3.1 The proposal for this site is to add a paper modular bank to the glass bottle banks that already exist.

4.4 Grove Wood Car Park (Paper Bank)

4.4.1 In assessing the suitability of this site, it was considered to be a beneficial location as it is near a school and therefore could attract considerable use from parents whilst taking or fetching their children, as well as other residents who make use of the woods facilities. There is also a reasonably extensive parking area and therefore plenty of room for modular paper bank to be located and emptied.

5 DISTANCE ANALYSIS

5.1 The following information details the distances of the nearest banks that currently exist in relation to each of the proposed new locations.

5.2 Grange Community Centre

Websters Way Car Park – 1.7 miles
Rawreth Playing Fields – 3.1 miles

5.3 Spencer Gardens Car Park

Clements Hall Leisure Centre – 1.4 miles
Southend Road Car Park – 0.9miles

5.4 Freight House

Golden Cross Parade – 1.1 miles
Back Lane Car Park - 0.1 miles

5.5 Grove Wood Car Park

Fairview Playing Fields – 1.4 miles
Websters Way Car Park – 1.7 miles

6 COSTS

6.1 The additional modular paper banks that are proposed would be at no extra cost to the Council, as they will be included under the current contract that we have with Aylesford Newsprint. Aylesford have been consulted on these proposed provisions and are keen to gain greater coverage throughout the District.

6.2 The additional textile bank at the Grange site would also incur no further cost to the Council and the only additional cost would be for the proposed plastic bottle bank also at this site. This would be at a cost of £260 per annum.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 With the additional bring bank site provision, residents wishing to use this facility would then have greater accessibility and be more likely to walk to these sites rather than travelling by car. Any increased tonnage collected would also contribute to the Council's overall recycling rate.

8 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The only additional cost for the provision of these additional bring bank facilities would be £260 for the plastic bottle bank at the Grange Community Centre. It should be noted that whilst this cost can be met from existing budgets, it could be offset by the recycling credits received for the additional tonnage collected.

9 RECOMMENDATION

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

That the provision of additional bring bank recycling facilities at the following locations be agreed:

- (a) Paper, textiles and plastic bottle banks at The Grange Community Centre
- (b) Paper bank at Spencer Gardens car park
- (c) Paper bank at Freight House
- (d) Paper bank at Grove Wood car park.

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Background Papers:-

None

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