

## **KERBSIDE RECYCLING EXPANSION UPDATE**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with details of this year's 'minor' expansion of the kerbside recycling scheme.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 Following the initial trial recycling round that was provided to 1500 households, the scheme was expanded in September 2001, so that approximately 5,800 households are now participating.
- 2.2 This number includes one recycling round on a Thursday that collects from only about 500 households, in the Little Wheatleys area of Rayleigh. In order to make this more economic, it was agreed in the budget process for this year that this round was increased by about 700 households, to make it a full collection round.
- 2.3 The funding for this increase was agreed by Members at the budget setting meeting of Council on 28 January 2003.

### **3 EXPANSION PROGRAMME**

- 3.1 The extra households to be included in the kerbside recycling scheme are in the following roads adjacent to the current 'half round' being collected on a Thursday in Rayleigh:-

Alexandra Drive  
Bromely Mews  
Clavering Court  
Elsenham Court  
Fyfield Path  
Haddon Close  
Heron Close  
Kelvendon Close  
Kestral Grove  
Kingfisher Crescent  
Leonard Drive

Louis Drive  
Louis Drive East  
Louis Drive West  
Nightingale Close  
Peregrine Gardens  
Rettendon Close  
Ronald Drive  
Sheering Court  
Shelley Place  
Tendring Avenue

- 3.2 As with previous expansions of the recycling scheme, a programme of notification / education and information will be provided to the selected households, to enable them to participate fully and thus maximise the recyclable capacity.
- 3.3 The blue boxes and green bins will be ordered by the end of May, following the receipt of a number of quotations from various suppliers.
- 3.4 An initial letter notifying residents that they are to be included in the scheme will be sent to each household towards the end of July.
- 3.5 During August, all participating households will receive an information pack that includes a leaflet explaining how the scheme works and what materials can be recycled, details of bin delivery, compost bin information and a covering letter with a contact number for further enquiries.
- 3.6 During August the Recycling Team will also be utilising the Council's Mobile Exhibition Unit in and around the expansion area, whereby residents can talk directly to the Recycling Officers and gain further information on the scheme.
- 3.7 The blue boxes and green bins will then be delivered to the households in late August / early September, with the first collections for the new households taking place during the week commencing 29 September 2003.

#### **4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The increased amount of material collected to be recycled will contribute to limiting the refuse that is taken to landfill sites, where capacity is decreasing.

#### **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The cost of the kerbside recycling expansion can be met from the existing recycling budget agreed by Council on 28 January 2003.

#### **6 RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**
  - (1) That Members note the content of this report, with particular respect to the extra households to be included, and the implementation programme that has been planned.

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**Background Papers:**

None.

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