

BRING BANKS SERVICE

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides Members with information about the current arrangements for the provision of bring banks throughout the District and considers proposals for the new financial year.

2 PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 The Contracts Sub-Committee agreed at its meeting on 18 June 2007 that the bring bank service should be included in the waste management services contract, but with the price for that element of the contract separately identified in the tenders.
- 2.2 However, once the tenders were received, the Sub-Committee accepted that the prices received for the service were considerably higher than the current contracts and that officers should seek other arrangements for this service.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The bring bank service has expanded over the years, providing a greater range of outlets for materials to be deposited to encourage recycling and to help increase the amount of recyclable material diverted from landfill.
- 3.2 The service is currently provided by the following companies:-

Paper	Aylesford Newsprint
Plastic Bottles	Green Recycling
Cans and Tins	Green Recycling
Clothing	Laurence M. Barry /The Salvation Army
Glass Bottles	Waste Recycling Group
Cartons	Tetra Pak

- 3.3 Across the District there are 32 locations where bring banks are located, with a total of 135 individual banks. Full details of these facilities are shown in the appendix.
- 3.4 The various bring bank contracts all expire at the end of March 2008 and it is planned to negotiate these contracts for a further year. In doing so, there will clearly be a need for some flexibility, as it will be logical to reduce the current level of provision as residents choose to use the new, more comprehensive kerbside collection arrangements.

- 3.5 One obvious contender for an early decision would be the provision of facilities for plastics, as these are proportionately more costly. The current price for servicing the plastics collection banks is subsidised by the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP). This supplementary funding will not be available in the next financial year.
- 3.6 Many bring bank sites have two banks for plastic and those with single banks are emptied twice a week. It is proposed to reduce this service to one bank collected once a week as soon as the new kerbside service is rolled out. The need for the remaining facilities, including those for other materials, will be regularly reviewed. Members' views are sought regarding these proposals.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The 2008/09 bring banks budget stands at £39,300, of which £28,366 is required for plastics recycling. The proposals contained within this report will result in initial savings of £9,537 over a full financial year, which can be used to support other aspects of the service.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**
- (1) That the current bring bank contracts for all materials other than plastics be extended for one year from April 2008.
 - (2) That the facilities for plastics recycling shall be limited to a maximum of one bring bank for each site, collected once a week, as soon as the new kerbside collection arrangements are in place.
 - (3) That the need for the bring banks for all materials be regularly reviewed.

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Background Papers:-

None

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