PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL PAPER RECYCLING COLLECTION AT GOLDEN CROSS, ASHINGDON

1 SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides Members with the additional costs that would be incurred in providing additional paper recycling collections at Golden Cross Shopping Parade, Ashingdon.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 There are currently four number 1100 litre Euro bins used for paper recycling at Golden Cross. Currently these four bins are emptied by Cory Environmental under the paper recycling contact on a fortnightly basis. The bins are being filled weekly and Contracted Services staff are having to redistribute the additional paper to adjacent sites to alleviate the problem.
- 2.2. The site is not large enough to accommodate a larger recycling container or any additional 1100 litre bins therefore the only option to remove the problem is to change the collection cycle to once a week.

3 COSTS FOR ADDITIONAL COLLECTION

- 3.1 Under the current contract with Cory Environmental, the additional cost for a weekly collection would be approximately £200 per week, equating to £5,200 per annum i.e. 26 more weekly collections at £200 per collection.
- 3.2 The recycling credits attributable to the additional collection at £40 per ton would amount to somewhere between £1,000 to £1,500, leaving the Council with a potential overall cost of between £3,500 to £4,000.

4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Improvement to the recycling facilities at this location would provide increased recycling facilities and remove the continuous nuisance of paper being left in bags adjacent to the recycling bank.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There is currently no financial resource allocated to fund this additional collection. If Members are minded to support a weekly collection, then a request for budget provision in 2003/04 should be made to the Council meeting on 28 January 2003.

7 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) To determine whether or not to recommend support for the provision of a weekly collection service.
- (2) If the additional collection is recommended for support, to request Council on 28 January 2003 to make provision in the 2003/04 budget.

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Background Papers:

None.

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