

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENTAL AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF MULTI-
MATERIAL RECYCLING KERBSIDE
COLLECTION SCHEME – PILOT
SCHEME FOR 12,000 HOUSEHOLDS

REF: GC

**WARD(S)
AFFECTED:** ALL

**TERMS OF
REFERENCE:** ES 07

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To seek Members' approval to implement a pilot scheme for a fortnightly kerbside collection of paper, cans, glass and textiles for 12,000 households in South Derbyshire.
- 1.2 To seek Members' approval to suspend Standing Orders in the procurement of the service.
- 1.3 To seek Members' decision with regard to the 12,000 households to be included in the scheme.

2.0 Detail

The Scheme

- 2.1 The households on the scheme will be provided with a 55 litre box in which to place paper, cans, glass and textiles. It may still be necessary to supply blue bags as well for the paper.
- 2.2 The collection crew will empty the boxes on a nominated day each fortnight. The crew will empty the materials into different containers on the vehicle and return the empty box to the kerbside.
- 2.3 It is anticipated that approximately 1300 tonnes of material per year will be recycled via the new scheme as opposed to the 480 tonnes of paper likely to be recycled from the existing blue bag scheme. This will contribute around an extra 3% towards the Council's recycling rate. The experience of other Authorities is that the amount of material collected from Recycling Centres only diminishes marginally when kerbside collection schemes are implemented.

Funding

- 2.3 The Council applied for funding from the Government for a pilot scheme in September 2002. The original bid was unsuccessful but the Council was informed that it was a close runner-up.
- 2.4 The Government has recently informed the Council that, due to some lack of take-up from the successful bidders, funding is now available.
- 2.5 The Government funding must be spent in the current financial year after which future costs must be borne by the Council.
- 2.6 Funding details are shown in Financial Implications.

Procurement

- 2.7 Members will be aware that Cheshire Recycling Group currently carry out kerbside collections of paper in South Derbyshire as well as in neighbouring Authorities (the blue bag scheme).
- 2.8 The Group has adapted this scheme successfully for a number of Councils in the country into the type of system proposed for the pilot project. The Council's bid for Government funding was based on such an arrangement with Cheshire.
- 2.9 Early indications from Cheshire are that they need to review their prices as they were provided in June of last year. They anticipate being in a position to start the scheme around December this year although officers are pressing for an earlier commencement date. It is hoped to have an agreed start date by the time of the Committee meeting.
- 2.10 It is proposed, therefore, to adapt the current paper collections to multi-material collections for the 12,000 households.
- 2.11 Members are asked to suspend Standing Orders to allow officers to negotiate the best price with Cheshire so that the scheme may proceed as a matter of urgency.

Households

- 2.12 The Council's current plans to meet its recycling targets include the extension of the Compost Scheme across the whole of the district with the exception of approximately 5,800 households in the north east that are earmarked for the Brightstar project.
- 2.13 Members may wish to use the Compost Scheme timetable as a basis for the implementation of the new scheme. Participation in the scheme is likely to be greater in households already separating waste for recycling and the additional service may help to relieve the pressure caused in some instances by the fortnightly emptying of the normal domestic bin. Many Authorities seem to be adopting this type of approach with some success.

2.14 For Members' information, the Compost Scheme timetable so far is as follows:

DATE	LOCATION	NO. OF HOUSEHOLDS
September 1996	Etwall & Egginton	1,241
September 1998	Hatton	1,152
September 1999	Willington & Twyford	1,144
July 2001	Hilton	1,305
October 2001	Repton & Milton	971
October 2001	Hilton Village	535
September 2002	Melbourne & Kings Newton	2,098
March 2003	Boundary, Bretby, Calke, Smisby & Ticknall	799
July 2003	Midway	2,296
March 2004	Hartshorne & Woodville	3,634
	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS ON COMPOSTING SCHEME	15,175
To be determined	Remaining Monday refuse rounds to Derby SWERF	5,762
To be determined	Remaining properties to go on composting scheme	14,833
	TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	35,770

2.15 Members are asked to decide which households are to be included in the new scheme bearing in mind that it will be the intention, if the pilot is successful, to continue to seek funding to implement the scheme across the whole of the district in the future.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 The financial details contained in the bid are as follows:

	£
12 000 kerbside boxes	60,000
Marketing Costs	20,000
Collection cost by contractor, 1300t @ £64.00	83,200
Savings	
Recycling credit, 1300t @ £29.92	-38,896
Sale of dry recyclables, 325t glass @ £17.00, 26t aluminium @ £200.00, other materials nil revenue (paper kept by contractor)	-10,725
Subsidy to existing paper collection scheme 480t @ £24.18	-11,610
Total	£101,769

3.2 The cost of the kerbside boxes and the marketing costs are one-off costs. The remaining costs are annual ones.

3.3 The contractor retains any income from the sale of the paper and the Council retains the income from the sale of the remaining materials.

- 3.4 The Government funding, as previously stated, must be spent in this financial year. In effect, it will pay for the boxes, the marketing, and the running costs from the commencement date to the end March 2004.
- 3.5 Future costs, estimated at £40,000 per year (at current prices), must be borne by the Council. Finance and Management Committee approved the funding for 2004/05 and 2005/06 at its meeting on 24th July.

4.0 Community Implications

- 4.1 The scheme will require more effort from residents in separating their waste for recycling but is likely to be well received especially in households serviced by the Compost Scheme.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 The pilot scheme will provide an additional service to 12,000 households and contribute around an extra 3% towards the Council's recycling rates.
- 5.2 The Government funding will finance the start of the scheme in this financial year. Finance & Management Committee has approved the financing of the scheme for the following two years.
- 5.3 Cheshire Recycling Group is experienced in similar schemes and has a good working knowledge of the local area. Members, therefore, are asked to suspend Standing Orders in order to allow officers to negotiate the best deal to deliver the best service for the Council.
- 5.4 The scheme will be particularly welcome in households serviced by the Compost Scheme.
- 5.5 Funding should be sought to implement the scheme across the whole of the district in the future if the pilot is successful.