

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 7</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021</b>	<b>CATEGORY: (See Notes) DELEGATED or RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR - SERVICE DELIVERY</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:</b>	<b>ADRIAN LOWERY, 5764 <a href="mailto:Adrian.lowery@southderbyshire.gov.uk">Adrian.lowery@southderbyshire.gov.uk</a></b>	<b>DOC:</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>REMOVAL OF RECYCLING CENTRES</b>	
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS07, EDS08.</b>

## **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 That the Committee notes the outcome of the consultation exercise regarding residents' views on removal of the Council's seven recycling bring sites.
- 1.2 That, on the basis of the responses received, the Committee agrees that the Council gives notice to remove all recycling centres provided either directly by the Council or by contractors on behalf of the Council; with the removal to be effective from 1 October 2021.
- 1.3 That the Council publicises all recycling facilities, on the Council website, available to residents of the District.

## **2.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 2.1 To provide feedback to Committee on the consultation to remove the Council's Recycling Centres following recommendations agreed from the review of Waste Collection Services undertaken in 2020 with the support of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and consultants Eunomia.
- 2.2 To give authority to the Head of Operational Services to make arrangements for the removal of the Recycling Centres operated either by or on behalf of the Council by the 1 October 2021 with associated publicity.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 The Council commissioned consultants Eunomia to assist officers in reviewing its future waste collection services and service delivery options in the light of the likely requirements of the Government's Environment Bill and the impending cessation of

the Council's then recycling contract. The Eunomia report recommended that the Recycling Centres were removed, to ensure that residents were not unfairly paying for traders and those who were not correctly using this service given the high levels of contamination. The removal of the recycling Centres would also encourage residents to use the services which are provided by the District Council such as the kerbside recycling service, charged bulky waste service and Household Waste Recycling Services (HWRCs) operated by Derbyshire County Council.

3.2 This Committee, at its meeting on 12 November 2020, agreed to the removal of the seven Recycling Centres in the District subject to public consultation with residents served by the Centres due to the high levels of contamination and anti-social behaviour experienced at the sites and the fact that alternative provision for disposing of the materials collected at the Centres as detailed above was available.

3.3 The Head of Operational Services, Head of Organisational Development and Performance and the Communications Manager developed and agreed an approach to the consultation. This involved a postcard (Appendix A) delivered to every relevant property advising them of the Council's intention to remove the Recycling centre in their area and asking for their views. There was an option to write on the postcard and return this to the Council via freepost or to comment via the Council's Waste.Cleansing email address.

3.4 The Council currently operates six Recycling Centres at the following locations:

- BASS'S CRESCENT, CASTLE GRESLEY
- STATION ROAD, HATTON
- MAIN STREET, HILTON
- LIMETREE AVENUE, MIDWAY
- HIGH STREET, MELBOURNE
- INGLEBY LANE, TICKNALL
- TWYFORD ROAD, WILLINGTON

3.5 The Council issued over 13,000 postcards and received 401 responses; a return rate of 3.04%, only 1.67% of residents consulted raised any objection to the removal of the Recycling Centres.

3.6 The following table shows the breakdown by area of postcards issued and responses

	Postcards Issued	Total Returned	% Returned
BASS'S CRESCENT, CASTLE GRESLEY	1337	14	1.05%
STATION ROAD, HATTON	1623	61	3.76%
MAIN STREET, HILTON	3592	118	3.29%
LIMETREE AVENUE, MIDWAY	2801	60	2.14%
HIGH STREET, MELBOURNE	2200	82	3.73%
INGLEBY LANE, TICKNALL	315	12	3.81%
TWYFORD ROAD, WILLINGTON	1317	54	4.10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13185</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>3.04%</b>

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Whilst there will be marginal savings arising from the removal of the centres, more importantly resources will be freed up to allow for more cleansing activities around the District, improving general litter response and fly tip removal.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

##### **Employment Implications**

- 5.1 None

##### **Legal Implications**

- 5.2 None

##### **Corporate Plan Implications**

- 5.3 The Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024 has two Key performance indicators one to reduce the kilograms of waste collected per head of population and the other to increase the percentage of waste recycled or composted.

##### **Risk Impact**

- 5.4 None

#### **6.0 Community Impact**

##### **Consultation**

- 6.1 The report is the conclusion of a public consultation on removal of Recycling Centers

##### **Equality and Diversity Impact**

- 6.2 There have not been any equality or diversity issues raised as part of the consultation or the review of waste collection services given materials that could be deposited at the Centres can all be disposed of via the Council's kerbside collections, over 60 Charity outlets across the District who deal with textile recycling, the Council's bulky waste collection service or at the County Council run Household Waste Recycling Centre in Newhall.

##### **Social Value Impact**

- 6.3 There are alternative facilities or service provision for the recycling of all materials collected through these centers, the anti-social behavior often associated with these sites can be a serious issue for residents in the immediate vicinity of the sites.

##### **Environmental Sustainability**

- 6.4 The Recycling centers are constantly misused leading to contamination of sites, illegal deposits of waste and the potential for hazardous waste to be inadvertently collected.

## Have your say on the future of household recycling sites in South Derbyshire



South Derbyshire District Council is proposing to close its seven household recycling sites. Your nearest site is:

### **Bass's Crescent, Castle Gresley**

Closing these sites will:

- Reduce the amount of contaminated recycling sent to landfill
- Reduce litter, fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour
- Save fuel by reducing the number of miles travelled to empty the bins.



Our Environment | Our People | Our Future  
[www.southderbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk)

To make your comments on the closure of these recycling sites, email: [waste.cleansing@southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:waste.cleansing@southderbyshire.gov.uk) or leave your comments below and return through the post free of charge by Friday 4 June.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Your fortnightly recycling collections are not affected. You should continue to use your green bin for recycling. You can leave extra recycling in a small cardboard box next to your green bin with paper and card in a separate box to mixed recycling. There is no limit to the number of extra boxes that will be collected.



