

**Weekly black bin service – introduction in a limited number of streets in Mackworth for a trial period**

**SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report sets out the case for the introduction of weekly black bin collection service into a limited number of streets in the Mackworth area for a trial period of 12 months.
- 1.2 The introduction of weekly black bin collection in a small number of streets in Mackworth has been requested by Councillors in the area on behalf of local residents concerned about the large number of bins on streets. Following the trial period the change in service will be reviewed to see what impact it has had before a decision is taken as to whether to make the change permanent.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To consider the case for the introduction of a weekly black bin collection in a limited number of streets in the New Zealand area of Mackworth, as indicated below and in Appendix 2. The change of service would be for a trial period of 12 months.

Stepping Lane/Handford Court  
Wild Street/Leak Street  
Campion Street  
Brough Street  
Peach Street  
Langley Street  
Cecil Street  
Manchester Street/Cross Street

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Councillors have made strong representations on behalf of residents to introduce the change of service. This is in response to a significant problem of large numbers of bins being left on the street.

<b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b>
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- 4.1 The Council introduced a trial of weekly black bin collection in some streets in the Arboretum Ward in November 2013 numbering some 3,300 properties. Indications from that trial are that the local streets are less cluttered with the street scene being significantly improved, the amount of side waste being dumped in these streets having reduced and local people finding the system of presenting their waste for collection now much easier to understand. A full review of the trial is due to be carried out and will be reported to the Arboretum Neighbourhood Board. The trial was extended to include additional streets in Arboretum and was introduced into a limited number of streets in Normanton in November 2014 also on a trial basis.
- 4.2 In the past, the Council have engaged with local residents through leafleting, door stepping and community meetings in inner city areas. However, this has had very little impact on the issues of bins on streets where those areas have a high turnover of residents, similar to the target streets in Mackworth under consideration; it is also costly.
- 4.3 The proposal is to empty black bins every week and withdraw the blue bin collection service in a number of selected streets set out in Appendix 2 from Tuesday 17 February 2015.
- 4.4 The change in service would affect 650 properties in 11 streets in the New Zealand area (Appendix 2). The streets in the proposed trial area suffer from having a large number of bins left on streets. This can obstruct the pavement for pedestrians, wheelchair users, the visually impaired and prams/ buggies and make the use of mechanical sweepers impossible. The removal of the blue bins would halve the number of bins on streets and will make it easier for to take the black bins off the street where they have limited storage space.
- 4.5 Large numbers of bins on streets makes the area look unattractive and can be associated with littering and side waste. A weekly black bin collection helps to reduce these problems. Bins on streets pose a fire risk to householders where they are adjacent to property. The bins are flammable and depending on what is put in them (e.g. plastics) can cause a serious fire.
- 4.6 It is proposed to introduce two "bring sites" in the trial area at nearby locations yet to be confirmed to enable local people to recycle if they wish to.
- 4.7 Following the introduction of this project we will expect residents to return their black wheeled bins to the rear of their property after they have been emptied. This will be encouraged through education and enforcement.

- 4.8 The Household Waste Recycling Act 2003 requires the Council to provide separate collection of two types of recyclable waste in addition to the collection of household waste. There are exemptions where the cost of collection is unreasonably high or comparable alternatives are available.
- 4.9 The high turnover of residents in this area, including an annual influx of students from outside the City has made the option of undertaking education and enforcement campaigns ineffective. The resources required to continually undertake this exercise to result in the level of behaviour change amongst residents required to change the situation on the street are considerable in the context of the financial pressures on the Council.
- 4.10 It is proposed to provide a comparable suitable alternative recycling facility within easy walking distance of each of the properties that will enable residents to continue to recycle materials without the problems associated with the kerbside collection.
- 4.11 The small number of properties included in the proposal, together with the provision of suitable bring sites mean that there will be a negligible impact on recycling performance in the City.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 To undertake an education campaign to engage with local residents through leafleting, door stepping and community meetings to bring about behaviour change to persuade them to take their bins round to the rear of their properties where possible. This would be supported by enforcement action where appropriate. This alternative would be relatively costly and difficult to deliver successfully due to the high turnover of residents in the area.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

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<b>For more information contact:</b> <b>Background papers:</b> <b>List of appendices:</b>	Tim Clegg 01332 641604 None Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Map of the area showing streets where it is proposed to introduce weekly black bin collection.

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 The introduction of weekly black bin collections in the area indicated, together with bring sites would cost £7,000 Per annum.

**Legal**

- 2.1 The Household Waste Recycling Act 2003 requires the Council to provide separate collection of two types of recyclable waste in addition to the collection of household waste. There are exemptions where the cost of collection is unreasonably high or comparable alternatives are available. The proposed provision of two bring sites for recycling in the area would enable residents to recycle their waste relatively easily. Members are asked to consider the problems identified in this area together with the provision of new bring sites as a comparable alternative service in considering the recommendations in the report.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

**IT**

- 4.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

**Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 The reduction in bins on streets will make it easier for wheelchair users and pedestrians with a visual impairment to use the pavements safely.

**Health and Safety**

- 6.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 7.1 The proposal is likely to result in a minor reduction in the collection of recyclable materials and a corresponding increase in residual waste.

**Property and Asset Management**

- 8.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

**Risk Management**

9.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

10.1 As 7.1.





