



Derby City Council

**Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny
Board
Tuesday 3 September 2013**

ITEM 7

Report of the Strategic Director of
Neighbourhoods

The introduction of bigger blue bins for co-mingled dry recyclate collections

SUMMARY

- 1.1 On 4th June 2013 the new co-mingled recycling service was introduced, enabling Derby's householder to recycle all of their paper, card, plastic, glass and cans waste in one blue bin.
- 1.2 This enabled Waste Management to reduce the resources it used to collect such materials and to review its contractual relationships to deliver a long term stable approach to processing this material.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note this report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Council needed to reduce costs as a result of stringent Government spending targets. The implementation of the scheme is expected to deliver full year effect savings of around £500,000.
- 3.2 The secondary commodity markets by which the collected recyclate was valued was particularly volatile with large swings making budgeting for the future impossible
- 3.3 Three different teams (blue bin, orange bag and blue bag) were collecting recyclate from each household every other week.
- 3.4 Multiple containers for different types of recyclate made for some confusion on the part of some householders and the approach was not particular popular. Introducing a one bin system has made the whole process of recycling for the householder much simpler.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Between the end of March and end of May some 80,000 larger 240 litre blue bins were delivered to households across the City.
- 4.2 The new blue bin collection service began on 4th June and in the first 2 months an additional 15% of material was collected in blue bins compared to the bin and bags system used in the same week the previous year.
- 4.3 In June, missed collections of blue bins were monitored daily and responded to promptly in recognition that it would take time for householders and collection crews to get used to the new system.
- 4.4 An amnesty on putting out the new and old 140 litre blue bin was in place during June. This has now ended as householders have shown that they can make best use of the larger capacity blue bin.
- 4.5 Following the introduction of the new blue bin collection service, missed collections of blue bins are running lower than the combined missed collections of blue bins and bags for the same period last year.

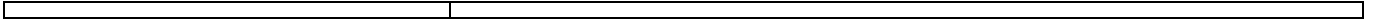
OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Do nothing. This would not have yielded any cost savings.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Estates/Property officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications



IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Overall cost savings are anticipated at around £500,000 for a full year.

Legal

- 2.1 The system is compliant with the Waste Regulations (Amended) 2012

Personnel

- 3.1 Waste Management has reduced its establishment by xx posts. There has been no need for any redundancies as the service has been able to reduce its reliance on Agency Staff.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 Equalities impact assessments have been undertaken and a review or outcomes will be conducted with the City's Disability Forum

Health and Safety

- 5.1 Risk assessments have been reviewed.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 The City will reduce its carbon footprint for the collection of this waste stream by reducing the number of vehicles it uses. Also the City will capture more material that could have ended up in the black (residual bin) which would have been destined for landfill.

Property and Asset Management

- 7.1 Over 80,000 new 240 litre bins was funded from the Capital Programme.

Risk Management

- 8.1 Not applicable

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 This proposal met the corporate objective of "All people in Derby enjoying a thriving sustainable economy" by reducing carbon emissions from our transport and encouraging less household carbon emissions.

