

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 27 MARCH 2012

Title:

**WASTE CONTRACT OUTSTANDING ITEMS -
BRING SITES**

**[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Bryn Morgan]
[Wards Affected: All]**

Summary and purpose:

To detail proposals for the rationalisation and re-definition of Waverley's bring site network following the launch of the new doorstep recycling service and to seek the Executive's approval of these proposals.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

The report addresses the Council's 'Environment' priority, specifically, the plan to contribute to tackling climate change by working with partners to increase the recycling rate to 60% by 2015; with the revised scheme it is anticipated that Waverley will achieve a recycling rate of over 60%.

It also contributes to the Council's 'Improving Lives' priority by providing, in response to extensive customer feedback, a cost-effective and user-friendly service for our Council Tax payers.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

A county-wide 2011 survey found that the biggest reason that residents use bring sites is because the range of materials is not available at the kerbside. As the rationalisation and re-definition of the bring site network in Waverley follows on from the launch of an improved kerbside collection service, it is likely that recycling will in fact be easier for the majority of people.

Resource/Value for Money implications:

The rationalisation of the bring sites can be completed within existing budgets, as the extended contract includes collection of commingled banks from 12 sites by Veolia alongside the kerbside collection service.

Legal Implications:

There are no legal implications.

Background

1. At the special meetings of the Executive and Council held on 30 August 2011, Members considered a report regarding the future of the waste, recycling and street cleaning service at Waverley. At those meetings it was resolved that:
 - subject to Veolia satisfying the Council on a number of issues relating in particular to green waste, clinical waste and the Conditions of Contract, the current Waste Management contract with Veolia be extended on the basis set out; and
 - authority be delegated to the Strategic Director and Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for the Environment and Portfolio Holder for Finance, to conclude the detailed terms of the extension.

Varied Specification for the Core Service

2. A varied and extended contract, running until November 2019 has now been produced, and was signed by both WBC and Veolia in January 2012. The headline specification for the revised service (all of which has now been incorporated into the revised specification for implementation from April 2012) is as follows :
 - Change from boxes and baskets to a wheelie bin for recycling
 - Incorporation of additional dry-materials recycling at the kerbside-
 - Cardboard
 - Mixed Plastics
 - TetraPak
 - Foil
 - Introduction of borough-wide food waste collection service
3. The Waste Management Contract, however, covers a number of other services which required further consideration and negotiation with Veolia before being finalised. These include items such as:
 - Bring Site Provision
 - Garden Waste Collection
 - Street Cleaning
4. This report looks in detail at the proposals for Waverley's bring site network following the introduction of the revised kerbside collection service.

Bring Site Provision

5. As part of the re-specification process, Members have already agreed to the principle of rationalising and re-focusing the bring-site offer within Waverley, in recognition of the improved kerbside collection service.

6. In headline terms, this will involve a reduction in the number of sites from 24 to 12 and a refocusing of the remaining sites on niche materials (such as textiles, books, CDs and small waste electrical goods, etc).
7. In addition, it is proposed that each site is equipped with a number of large 'commingled' bins, which will accept the same mix of dry recyclables as is collected from the kerbside, and which will be collected by Veolia as part of the kerbside collection service.
8. Initial exploratory work has been undertaken to identify which sites should remain, based on current usage levels, the available space and the current range of materials offered; and to establish which mix of materials we could easily recycle from those sites. Investigations are ongoing into the additional materials we might recycle at the remaining sites, but the intention is that (with the exception of waste electrical goods, for which a limited trial service is being introduced) each site should offer the same, comprehensive range of recycling opportunities, which complement and enhance, rather than duplicate, the kerbside collection service.
9. A draft schedule, setting out the locations of the current and proposed bring sites, and the proposed range of materials to be collected from each, is to be found at [Annexe 1](#). From this it will be apparent that there are only 11 sites on the list for retention at this stage; this is because there is not an obvious twelfth candidate, as most of the remaining sites earmarked for closure are relatively small. The intention therefore is that a twelfth site be added if and when considered necessary, at the most appropriate location available, once the service has been established and local demand for the remaining sites is better understood.
10. Officers have looked in detail at the full range of materials which could be collected from our bring sites and the table at Annexe 1 sets out the detailed findings of this exercise. From this it can be seen that not all materials can be easily recycled at a bring site; for example, the recycling of mobile telephones and spectacles is not deemed appropriate in an outdoor environment. Options for recycling these materials within some of the Council's buildings, or in partnership with local supermarkets, for example, will continue to be explored.
11. Batteries can also only be recycled indoors, and there are currently eight indoor banks located across the borough in the Council's leisure centres and locality offices. Given that the new kerbside collection service allows for the introduction of a limited trial of the doorstep collection of batteries from November 2012, it is not considered appropriate to extend this network further at this time.
12. As an extension to this project there would be an option in the future to look at adding other niche recycling materials to the bring sites. It should be noted that, although some of the materials may generate a small income (from recycling credits and material sales) others, such as plastic bags, and to a

lesser extent light bulbs, would cost the council. There may also be additional options to increase the range of materials within the commingled collections if the technology at the MRF is extended in the future. These options will be reviewed at a later date.

13. With the exception of banks for waste electrical goods, which will be introduced across four sites by the beginning of March, it is proposed that the planned changes take place immediately following the launch of the new kerbside service. A proposed implementation timetable for this project is at Annexe 2.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Executive endorses the proposals contained in this report for the rationalisation and redesign of the bring site network in Waverley.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

CONTACT OFFICER:

Name: Rob Anderton

Telephone: 01483 523411

E-mail: robert.anderton@waverley.gov.uk

Annexe 1- Schedule of current and proposed recycling 'Bring' sites

Current Recycling Sites and Materials Collected											Proposals for bring site provision 2012				
	Glass	Paper	Cardboard	Tetrapak	Cans/plastic	Mixed plastic	Textiles	Shoes	Foil	Books	Co-mingled recycling	Textiles	Shoes	Books, DVDS, videos	Electronics & Electrical
Wyevale Garden Centre, Alfold Road, Alfold		✓			✓			✓							
Stocklund Square Car Park, Cranleigh	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Village Way Car Park, Cranleigh	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Central Car Park, Victoria Road, Farnham	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Dogflud Way Car Park, Dogflud way, Farnham	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓							
Sainsburys, Water Lane, Farnham	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Upper Hart Car Park, The Hart, Farnham	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Waggon Yard Car Park, Downing Street, Farnham		✓			✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Frensham Great Pond, Bacon Lane, Frensham					✓										
Frensham Garden Centre, Frensham	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Broadwater Park, Meadow, Godalming	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓						
Crown Court Car Park, The Burys, Godalming		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sainsburys, Woolsack Way, Godalming	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Hambledon Village Shop, Hambledon		✓			✓										
Station Lane Car Park, Milford		✓			✓			✓	✓						
Wey Inn, Meadow, Godalming		✓													
Secretts Garden Centre, Milford	✓		✓		✓										
High Street Car Park, Haslemere	✓	✓			✓		✓								
St Christophers Green Car Park, Weyhill, Haslemere	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tesco, Weyhill, Haslemere	✓														
Beacon Hill Car Park, Hill Road, Hindhead	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

Annexe 2- Bring Site Project- Proposed implementation Timetable

Month	January					February				March				April					May				
Week Commencing	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Bring site rationalisation project																							
Confirm with existing contractors re decommissioning banks and termination of contracts																							
Investigate potential range of new materials (Light bulbs, Plastic bags, videos, etc)																							
Install new trial WEEE banks at selected sites																							
Identify which sites should be kept and which removed																							
Confirm proposals with VES																							
Confirm removal of sites with landowners (where appropriate) and contractors																							
Order 1100 bins for commingled recycling																							
Arrange labels for banks																							
Deliver 1100s and remove other banks																							
Update site signage																							
Press release and 'Making Waves' article prepared re new service																							
Update website and information																							
New service 'goes live'																							

Committees\exec\2011-12\270312\012 bring sites