

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

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| 1. | Meeting: | Cabinet Member and Advisers for Waste and Emergency Planning |
| 2. | Date: | Monday 3rd March 2014 |
| 3. | Title: | Green Waste – Rural Properties |
| 4. | Directorate: | Environment and Development Services |

5. Summary

This report outlines proposals to re-schedule the current commercial waste collection fleet. This will enable the introduction of the remaining rural properties on to a garden waste collection service on an alternate week basis. This will include for the provision of green bins for garden waste and for some properties the provision of a black bin to replace current sack collections.

6. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member for Waste and Emergency Planning is requested to approve:

- 1) That the remaining rural properties throughout the Borough are placed on to a garden waste collection service on an alternate week basis.

7. Proposals and Details

Current Situation

The Authority currently has 4 commercial waste collection vehicles operating over 5 days collecting a mix of commercial, domestic and a small amount of garden waste.

Over the last 12 months commercial waste contracts have reduced by approximately 12% allowing for a complete re-schedule of the service. Currently some commercial waste vehicles are stood down totalling 4 days per fortnight.

There are approximately 520 households currently on a weekly collection of domestic waste without a green bin for garden waste. These properties are mainly in rural locations and are serviced by the commercial waste fleet. In addition there are approximately 100 properties on a weekly sack collection of domestic waste.

The main areas to be provided with the green waste service are Lindrick, Gildingwells, Woodsetts, Letwell, Brookhouse and other small hamlets.

Proposals

It is proposed to re-schedule the commercial waste fleet by placing all commercial waste collections on to 3 vehicles only operating Monday to Friday. This in turn will create extra capacity and will allow the 4th vehicle to collect domestic waste one week and garden waste the following week. As a result of this, all remaining rural properties not currently on a garden waste collection will be introduced on to the scheme on an alternate week collection basis. This will also lead to additional commercial waste vehicles being stood down up to a further 6 days per fortnight.

In addition, a small number of properties on a sack collection will be moved to a wheeled bin collection on an alternate week basis. It is anticipated that all of these changes will be implemented from the week commencing 31st March 2014.

8. Finance

There will be no charge to the householder for the provision of wheeled bins as per current bin charging policy; due to the fact that this is a service change being implemented by the Council. The cost for the provision of bins will be met through the capital programme for the purchase of bins.

It is proposed to hand deliver the letters/flyers/calendars in early March 2014 approximately 2 weeks before bin delivery. This will give the householder adequate notice plus the option to decline the green bin if necessary. However, declining a green bin will still mean that the householder will receive an alternate week collection. These costs will be met through the existing Waste Management budget 2013/14.

The re-structure of the Commercial Waste service will deliver the agreed savings for this service in the 2014/15 budget.

Please find detailed below the costs relating to the service changes.

| Detail | No | Cost | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|
| Green Bin* | 526 | £ 23.40 | £12,308.40 |
| Black Bin (Sack Replacement)* | 100 | £ 23.40 | £ 2,340.40 |
| Total Capital Cost | | | £14,648.40 |
| Administration | | | |
| Flyer Commercial | 2000 | £ 0.02 | £ 40.00 |
| Letter Domestic | 700 | £ 0.03 | £ 21.00 |
| Total | | | £ 61.00 |
| Delivery (RMBC Staff) | | | |
| Letter/Flyer Delivery (Staff x 1) | 5 | £ 96.50 | £ 482.50 |
| Hire Van including fuel | 5 | £ 28.00 | £ 140.00 |
| Bin Delivery (Staff x 1) | 5 | £ 96.50 | £ 482.50 |
| Hire Box Van including fuel | 5 | £ 50.00 | £ 250.00 |
| Total | | | £ 1,355.00 |

***Capital Cost**

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The Council has received a number of requests over the years to provide a green waste service to the remaining rural properties. The provision of this service can be accommodated by placing these properties onto an alternate week collection, thus providing an equitable service across the Borough

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

This policy may have a positive affect on:-

Rotherham's Municipal Waste Management Strategy by contributing to a potential increase in recycling rates.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Rotherham Municipal Waste Strategy

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