

9 December 2015

Environment & Housing Management Committee

Pilot Scheme for Refuse/Recycle Bins in West Horndon

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Wards Affected: All

This report is: Public

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 At the Environment & Housing Committee on 23 September 2015 it was agreed to implement a pilot scheme for the introduction of bins at a cost of £5,000.
- 1.2 Since that Committee meeting there has been positive discussions with West Horndon Parish Council, who have agreed to pilot the scheme. However, it was agreed with them that the scheme should be extended to include the whole of the village.
- 1.3 As the scheme will now include 650 homes, and they will be issued with two bins, a 240ltr bin for dry recycling waste, and 180ltr bin for residual waste. This will increase the cost of implementation from the initial £5,000 to approximately £20,000.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That Members agree to the trial of bins to 650 homes in West Horndon at a cost of £20,000, which will be funded from the capital programme.**

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 The pilot bin scheme will be introduced in West Horndon, and will cover approximately 650 homes. It is hoped that the pilot will be introduced in February 2016, but this will depend on the delivery of the bins.
- 3.2 The scheme will be monitored throughout the pilot, and detailed information will be brought back to the committee after six months. The monitoring will include; cleanliness of the streets, recycling and customer satisfaction.
- 3.3 The increase in cost is due to the extension of the scheme, which was agreed with the Parish Council, but this does now cover a full collection round for the crews, and will provide further data on any increases in times of collection.

4. Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

- 4.1 The report requests further funding to extend the pilot, which will improve the quality of data from the scheme.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

- 5.1 To ensure that the pilot is delivered to a larger number of households, and provide better data for Members to make an informed decision on any further schemes.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 Discussions have taken place with West Horndon Parish Council, and all households will be consulted throughout the pilot.

7. References to Corporate Plan

- 7.1 To ensure the Council provide value for money services.

8. Implications

Financial Implications

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- 8.1 The purchase of the refuse bins will be funded from the capital programme. All other costs will be absorbed within the current revenue budget for Street Services.

Legal Implications

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- 8.2 Councils have a statutory duty to collect household waste . The Council may impose other rules, provided they are not unreasonable and adequate notice is given. Pilot schemes to trial alternative service delivery methods is deemed to be good practice.

Other Implications (where significant) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

- 8.3 None

9. Background Papers (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright)

- 9.1 None

10. Appendices to this report

None

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