

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

BRIEFING NOTE

PERFORMANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE

14 JANUARY, 2009

BRIEFING NOTE OF WASTE & ENGINEERING SERVICES MANAGER

BROWN WHEELED BIN COLLECTION SERVICE - COSTS

1. Purpose of Briefing Note

1.1 To provide Members with information on the Brown wheeled bin collection service.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That Members note the contents of this briefing note.

3. Key Issues

3.1 On the 27 August 2008 the Performance and Partnerships Select Committee requested the following;

(A) That the amount of recycling credits generated and the figures and costs of collecting the brown bins during the period April 2007 to August 2008 be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub Committee.

3.2 The Council's policy on Household Waste collection is to collect waste on alternate weeks. There are currently in the region of 40,850 Households within district with the majority of them provided with the following wheeled bins.

Green wheeled bin for Household waste (non-recyclable waste).

Brown wheeled bin for Garden/Food waste.

The Councils Waste collection contract requires the contractor to visit each household each week and empty any bins put out for collection by the resident. This service continues throughout the year i.e. summer and winter months. Therefore the contractor's collection costs remain the same as it has to visit each property.

In Annex 1 attached to this report Members will note the cost summary requested.

Members should be mindful that the Waste Collection contract requires each household to be visited each week emptying Green/Brown bins on alternate weeks. Therefore, the collection service is profiled over a 12 month period meaning that on Brown Bins longer hours are worked over the spring/summer/autumn months with reducing hours in the winter. If any suspension of brown bins was undertaken during the winter months then fixed operational costs i.e. Vehicles/Crews would still remain.

Annex 1

Summary of:-

The amount of recycling credits generated and the figures and costs of collecting the brown bins during the period April 2007 to August 2008:-

Recycling credits claimed for Brown bin waste only during April 07 to March 08 = £ 284,522

Recycling credits claimed for Brown bin waste only during April 08 to August 08 = £ 129,556

BROWN BIN RECYCLING												
Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08	Total
Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes	Tonnes
876	1096	933	1109	1104	872	870	653	330	571	527	503	9444

Recycling Credits	Total = £ 284,522
Less Compost Waste gate fee	Total = £ 225,607

Contribution towards collection costs	= £ 58,915

i.e. 26 collections of Brown Bin Collection costs = £ 488,245

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No credits received as this waste goes to Landfill and we are required to reduce the waste that goes to Landfill both in terms of National Indicator 191 and to avoid potential Landfill Trading Scheme (LAT's) penalties.

The annual (52 week) contract cost of collection of Green/Brown bins i.e. employees, vehicles and disposal = (£ 488,245 + £ 547,160) = £ 1,035,405

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