

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**PERFORMANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE**

**27 AUGUST, 2008**

**REPORT OF HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**BROWN WHEELED BIN COLLECTION SERVICE**

**1. Purpose of Report**

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 report.

**3. Key Issues**

3.1 Cannock Chase Council is required under EU Directives to divert as much waste as possible from landfill by reducing, reusing and recycling waste.

3.2 Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (section 52) Household Waste recycling credits are payable by the Waste Disposal Authority (Staffordshire County Council) to Cannock Chase District Council for every tonne of waste diverted from landfill through recycling.

3.3 The Council's policy on Household Waste collection is to collect waste on alternate weeks.

3.4 A breakdown of tonnages of waste collected for 2007/08 within the brown bin waste stream is shown in Annex 1 to this report.

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## **Section 1**

### **Background**

On the 14 April 2008 the Performance and Partnerships Select Committee requested the following;

“That an analysis of the cost of collecting the brown bin during the summer and winter months and a comparison of the tonnage collected during these periods be submitted to a future meeting of the Select Committee”.

## **Section 2**

### **Details of Matters to be Considered**

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 Council's 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.

A breakdown of tonnages of waste collected for 2007/08 within the brown bin waste stream is shown in Annex 1 to this report.

\* As from the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 residents are now required to put their cardboard out with their kerbside dry recyclable collection service, prior to this they were able to put it in their brown wheeled bin.

## **Section 3**

### **Contributions to CHASE**

Waste Recycling contributes directly to the Council's **CHASE** objectives in enhancing and protecting the environment.

## **Section 4**

### **Section 17 Implications**

There are no identified implications in respect of crime prevention arising from this report.

**Section 5**

**Human Rights Act Implications**

There are no identified Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

**Section 6**

**Data Protection Act Implications**

There are no identified implications in respect of the Data Protection Act arising from this report.

**Section 7**

**Risk Management Implications**

There are no identified risk management implications arising from this report.

**Section 8**

**Legal Implications**

The European Union Landfill Directive set targets to reduce the amount of biodegradable waste which is landfilled and these have been transposed into domestic legislation by the Landfill ( England and Wales ) Regulations 2002 ( as amended ).The Council is complying with the Regulations by extending recycling collections.

The Council has various legal obligations (which are set out throughout the report) in collecting and disposing of both domestic and trade waste. The pro-active steps taken by the Council in promoting recycling has enabled the Council to not only meet its current legal targets but remain on target in meeting future waste management and disposal aims.

Failure on the part of the Council to discharge its legal obligations and meet key targets will expose the Council to potential liability and penalty.

**Section 9**

**Financial Implications**

The Councils Waste collection contract requires the contractor to visit each household every 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.

There would however be financial implications relating to the Recycling Credits received from the Waste Disposal Authority (Staffordshire County Council). The net effect of not collecting garden waste during the winter months would result in loss of income of about £5,000.

**Section 10**

**Human Resource Implications**

There are no human resource implications arising directly from this report.

**Section 11**

**Conclusions**

The Council's policy is to collect household waste, i.e. green/brown wheeled bins, on alternate weeks.

**Annex 1**

A breakdown of tonnages of waste collected for 2007 / 08 within the brown bin waste stream is shown in the table below :-

<b>Month</b>	<b>Tonnes</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Tonnes</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Tonnes</b>
April 07	876	May 07	1096	June 07	933
July 07	1109	August 07	1104	September 07	872
October 07	870	November 07	653	December 07	330
January 08	571	February 08	527	March 08	503