

CABINET

West End Waste Collection

Report of Head of City Council (Direct) Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT			
To recommend a proposal to introduce new waste collection arrangements in the West End			
Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Referral from Cabinet Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date Included in Forward Plan	NA		
This report is public			

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the Head of City Council (Direct) Services accepts the offer of funding by the West End Partnership for the purchase of bins and boxes and pump priming revenue funding to allow early roll out to Zones 1 and 2 of the West End.
- (2) That the General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme are updated accordingly.
- (3) That a further report is brought to Cabinet outlining plans for roll out in Zone 3.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In considering the report 'Waste roll out- phase 4' at the October 2005 meeting (min 68). Cabinet recommended -

'That officers be requested to investigate the possibility of using the capital element of West End Neighbourhood Renewal funding to roll out 3 stream waste collection in the West End of Morecambe.'
- 1.2 Cabinet of Nov 2006 recently agreed to rolling out new waste collection arrangements to the remaining areas in Lancaster in 2007/8 (Phase 5) and Morecambe and rural areas in 2008/9 (Phase 6).
- 1.3 The West End partnership have identified that effective waste collection arrangements are key to improving the environment in the West End and have commissioned a consultant to undertake a study of waste management options within the West End.

- 1.4 Following consideration of this study the West End partnership are of the view that it is essential that new waste management arrangements are put in place as soon as possible.
- 1.5 As City Council (Direct) Services will be providing the collection service Officers have met with the consultant and West End Partnership to plan how the new arrangements could be put in place earlier than the already agreed programme.
- 1.6 The study has identified 3 zones in the West End. At this stage the plan is to focus on delivering new collection arrangements to zones 1 and 2 (a total of 1,700 properties). The new collection arrangements will be consistent with the collection arrangements already provided to 40,000 households in the District.
- 1.7 Zone 3 consists of 350 properties that are mainly HMOs. More radical proposals have been made for collecting waste from this area which whilst consistent with the principles of the waste collection arrangements already provided to 40,000 households in the District will require increased infrastructure (eg mini recycling sites etc). As the proposed arrangements for zone 3 will be a deviation from what Cabinet has already agreed for the rest of the District there may well be additional ongoing revenue costs to be considered.

2.0 Proposal Details

2.1 **Zones 1, 2-** It is proposed that the new waste collection arrangements are rolled out to these areas from March 2007. As mainstream funding is not available for this until Phase 6 (Sept 2008) the West End Partnership propose to –

- Provide funding for the Capital purchase of all the wheeled bins and boxes required for the scheme estimated to be £55,000.
- Provide a pump priming revenue grant to the Council which will allow collection to commence in March 2007. This grant will cover the revenue gap until mainstream funding is available in September 2008. The revenue funding offered by the West End Partnership is-

2006/7- £6,300
2007/8- £32,600
2008/9- £18,800

This funding will cover the additional costs of rolling out to this area ahead of phase 6.

2.2 **Zone 3-** Whilst proposals have been made for zone 3 the feasibility of them is still being assessed. It is proposed that roll out to zone 3 takes place in November 2007. The financial implications of this will be reported at a later stage.

3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 Consultation on this roll out has been carried out by the West End Partnership.

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

4.1 **Option 1-** to accept the offer of funding to purchase the wheeled bins and boxes by the West End Partnership and provision of additional revenue funding to allow roll out in zones 1 and 2 to take place 18 months ahead of schedule. There is a remote risk that if for any reason West End Partnership were unable to fulfil their offer there would be an additional short term revenue implication to the Council which could be rectified through either additional funding or an equivalent reduction in the amount of properties covered in Phase 5.

4.2 **Option 2-** to not accept the offer by the West End Partnership and to roll out to the West End in phase 6 as planned.

5.0 Officer Preferred Option (and comments)

5.1 The Officer preferred option is option 1. It is consistent with Cabinet's previous recommendation and earlier experience in Poulton has shown that introducing new waste collection arrangements has a significant impact on the surrounding environment.

6.0 Conclusion

6.1 The report outlines proposals to introduce new waste collection arrangements to the West End ahead of the agreed schedule.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

'To make our district a cleaner and healthier place' is a priority within the corporate plan.

'To regenerate the West End of Morecambe' is a priority within the corporate plan.

The corporate plan also sets out priority outcomes of- 'Reducing waste in the district by recycling and re-use'.

A high priority of Cabinet is to 'roll out further phases of the recycling and waste management programme until complete.'

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

The strategy for sustainable development in Lancaster has set the goal of conserving resources and reducing waste production combined with increased recycling and access to recycling facilities. The Council has already contributed by major investment in order to meet statutory targets. This report offers options which will further develop this strategy

The West End Partnership has identified littering as a major concern to residents.

The replacement of black sacks with wheeled bins is likely to lead to a decrease in littering.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the rolling out of the programme to the West End are included within Phase 6 of the Waste Strategy which was approved by Cabinet on 12th December 2006 (minute 89 refers).

As detailed in the report the purchasing of the bins and the revenue costs associated with delivering the programme early will be fully funded by the West End Partnership (Neighbourhood Element) thus placing no additional burden on the General Fund net budget.

As part of the Phase 6 of the Waste Strategy it was assumed that all bins and boxes would be purchased via leasing. As the bins are to be purchased outright there will be a small revenue saving in 2007/08 of £2,800 and a recurring saving of £5,600 for future years.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The section 151 officer has been consulted and has no further comments

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal Services have been consulted and have no observations to make on this report.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The monitoring officer has been consulted and has no further comments

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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