

Place Select Committee
Review of Bring Sites (Recycling)
Outline Scope

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Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address?	
<p>The review will contribute to the following Council Plan 2018-21 themes and objectives:</p> <p><u>Environment and Housing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver effective environmental services. 	
What are the main issues and overall aim of this review?	
<p>Bring (recycling) sites are defined as areas in car parks and on streets at which Local Authorities or third parties provide containers for the public to deposit recyclable materials.</p> <p>Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) currently spend over £16,000 per year to J&B Recycling Ltd to service 19 bring sites within the Borough. Materials accepted at these sites include paper, glass, cans, cardboard, plastic bottles, textiles or a mixture of materials known as 'co-mingled'. Collection frequencies vary depending on the size of the site, ranging from 12 times per month for the largest to once a month for the smallest.</p> <p>The overall management fee for this service is split between the five Tees Valley Local Authorities on the basis of the number of bring sites they operate. SBC have significantly more than Darlington (3), Hartlepool (3), Middlesbrough (1) and Redcar & Cleveland (3), some of whom have previously examined their provision and subsequently reduced their bring site offer. The current joint contract with the other Local Authorities will end in March 2019, and some Councils have confirmed that they will make their own arrangements once this has expired.</p> <p>The amount of material collected at each site varies, and there is evidence that some are becoming under-used. In addition, incidences of anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping are increasingly linked to bring sites, and last year around £2,000 was spent on replacement containers due to arson, as well as unknown costs relating to the, on occasions, daily visits to these sites by the Council's street cleansing operatives. With this in mind, and in recognition of the impending service contract situation, it is a prudent time to review SBC bring site provision.</p> <p>The aim of this review is therefore to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand current bring site provision across the Borough and establish the extent to which 	

they are used and the costs involved, including geographical variances and associated issues such as anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping.

- Ascertain the impact of any changes to the current bring site provision, specifically costs to the Council and the ability for residents to continue to recycle materials.
- Propose a preferred option for the provision of bring sites in Stockton-on-Tees post-March 2019.

The Committee will undertake the following key lines of enquiry:

Where are the Borough's 19 bring sites and what volumes are being collected at each? What are the trends in usage?

What costs are associated with current bring site provision; how does this relate to each site in the context of what is being collected?

Prevalence of anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping at bring sites - where is this happening and what are the costs to the Council? Have any complaints been received?

Based on the information available, what are the options for future bring site provision? What is the potential impact of these options in terms of costs to the Council and its aspiration to deliver effective environmental services?

Who will the Committee be trying to influence as part of its work?

Cabinet, Council, public.

Expected duration of review and key milestones:

3 months (reporting to Cabinet in February 2019)

What information do we need?

Existing information (background information, existing reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.):

- WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme): Bring Site Provision (2013)
- WRAP: Optimising Bring Site Provision

New information:

- SBC: Bring site data – usage and costs

Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)

Local Authority

What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence?

- Bring site mapping and collection volumes at each location.
- Management contract details including breakdown of costs associated with each site.
- Other issues associated with bring sites (i.e. anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping) and the

impact of these on the Council and residents.

- Complaints relating to any SBC bring site.
- Communication of bring site provision.
- Options for future bring site provision.

How will this information be gathered? (eg. financial baselining and analysis, benchmarking, site visits, face-to-face questioning, telephone survey, survey)

Committee meetings, reports, desktop research, site visits (tbc).

How will key partners and the public be involved in the review?

Committee meetings, site visits (tbc).

How will the review help the Council meet the Public Sector Equality Duty?

The Public Sector Equality Duty requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities. This review will be mindful of these factors.

How will the review contribute towards the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, or the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy?

Stockton JSNA (Environment): ‘...other aspects of the environment in Stockton-on-Tees that have an influence on public health and well-being include...waste and recycling’.

Provide an initial view as to how this review could lead to efficiencies, improvements and/or transformation:

A more efficient and effective bring site offering for residents to recycle their waste away from home, whilst also reducing the workload on the street cleansing service and anti-social behaviour team.

Project Plan

Key Task	Details/Activities	Date	Responsibility
Scoping of Review	Information gathering	September 2018	Scrutiny Officer Link Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review	08.10.18	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Agree Project Plan	Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee	15.10.18	Select Committee
Publicity of Review	Determine whether Communications Plan needed	TBC	Link Officer, Scrutiny Officer
Obtaining Evidence	Local Authority	12.11.18	Select Committee
Members decide recommendations and findings	Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations	10.12.18	Select Committee
Circulate Draft Report to Stakeholders	Circulation of Report	January 2019	Scrutiny Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss findings of review and draft recommendations	07.01.19	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Final Agreement of Report	Approval of final report by Committee	14.01.19	Select Committee, Cabinet Member, Director
Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee	Consideration of report	[19.02.19]	Executive Scrutiny Committee
Report to Cabinet/Approving Body	Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet	14.02.19	Cabinet / Approving Body