

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 15 April 2013

Portfolio: Streetscene
Subject: Allocation of the proceeds from the sale of Recycling Clothes and Textiles
Report of: Director of Street Scene
Strategy/Policy: To Protect and Enhance the Environment
Corporate Objective:

Purpose:

To consider how the revenue income from the sale of clothing and textiles deposited in recycling banks on council land should be distributed

Executive summary:

At the meeting of the on 3rd September 2012, the Executive endorsed the recommendation of the Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel that Officers prepare a competitive tender for the exclusive rights to provide and service clothing and textile recycling banks on Council owned land within the borough.

The Executive also requested Officers to bring forward a further report setting out options for distributing the proceeds arising from the award of the tender, following consultation with members of the public via Community Action Team meetings.

The tender process has been completed and the contract awarded to The European Recycling Company Ltd. The contract commenced on 1st April 2013 and is for a term of four years

A public consultation has been conducted over a period of eight weeks, closing on 10th March 2013. The methodology and results of the consultation are summarised in the attached briefing paper and appendices.

Recommendation:

The Executive is asked to approve:

- (a) that the proceeds from the clothing and textile recycling contract be distributed as follows:
- 49% of the income should go into the Council's Community fund
 - 26% of the income should be given to the charities that currently operate textile recycling banks on Council owned land
 - 25% of the income should be retained by the Council

- (b) that the income that is given to current textile recycling bank operators should be allocated in proportion to the tonnages collected by each operator in the last full financial year for which data is available, 2011-12.
- (c) that the allocation of the proceeds as described above should apply for the four year period of the recycling contract and be subject to formal review when the contract is offered for tender in the autumn of 2016.

Reason:

The recommendation reflects the views expressed in the public consultation and will benefit all interested parties, including the charities that operated the recycling banks on Council land prior to the award of contract.

Cost of proposals:

No capital or revenue expenditure is required

Appendices A: [Clothing and textile consultation questionnaire](#)

B: [Summary of responses](#)

C: [Summary of community fund arrangements](#)

Background papers: File of consultation responses

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Executive Briefing Paper

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Briefing by: Director of Street Scene

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INTRODUCTION

1. At the meeting on 3rd September 2012, the Executive endorsed the recommendation of the Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel that Officers prepare a competitive tender for the exclusive rights to provide and service clothing and textile recycling banks on Council owned land within the borough.
2. At the same meeting, the Executive also requested Officers to bring forward a further report setting out options for distributing the proceeds arising from the award of the tender, following consultation with members of the public via Community Action Team meetings.
3. The tender process has been completed and the contract awarded to The European Recycling Company Ltd. The contract commenced on 1st April 2013 and is for a term of four years.
4. A public consultation has been conducted over a period of eight weeks, from January 14th until 10th March 2013. The results of the consultation are summarised in the attached appendices.
5. The Executive is now asked to approve a proposal to distribute the proceeds from the contract as detailed in the recommendation contained within the report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

6. Public consultation was conducted for a period of eight weeks, from 14th January until 10th March 2013. Three channels were used; the Council's e-panel, the Council Connect stand in Fareham shopping centre and presentations at Community Action Team meetings.

7. In each case, respondees were asked to fill in a questionnaire, devised in conjunction with the Council's Corporate Services department. Information was sought on how people currently recycle textile and clothing, how the Council could encourage more clothing and textile recycling and where they would like to see the proceeds from the contract to go. An example of the questionnaire can be found at appendix (A) to the attached report
8. The Council received a total of 458 responses, 358 from the e-panel, 58 from Community Action Team meetings and 42 from the Council Connect stand. A summary of the responses can be found at appendix (B) to the attached report
9. In relation to where consultees wished the proceeds from the contract to go, the result was:
 - 49% chose local charities and community groups
 - 26% chose national and regional charities
 - 25% chose using a proportion of the proceeds to help keep council tax down

RISK ASSESSMENT

10. There are no significant risks associated with this report

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no additional costs associated with this report

CONCLUSION

12. The recommendation in the report on the distribution of the proceeds from the sale of recycling clothing and textiles collected from Council land reflects public opinion as established through a formal consultation process.
13. The contract awarded to the European Recycling Company Ltd will provide additional sites for recycling for borough residents and help divert clothing and textiles from domestic waste. It will also attract a highly competitive payment per tonne which can be used to benefit local good causes, the charities that currently operate the recycling banks and council tax payers as a whole. The Council intends to maximise these benefits by promoting the new arrangements on a regular basis within the community via press releases, articles in Fareham Today and the Council website
14. Local charities and community groups will be able to submit bids for money in the community fund through the Council's Corporate Services Department as per the existing arrangements and criteria. These are summarised at appendix (C) to the report.
15. The clothing and textile recycling banks on private land within the borough that are operated by the charities currently will not be affected by the new arrangements, and will still be available for public use.

Reference Papers: None