

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel

Date **6 September 2018**

Report of: **Head of Streetscene**

Subject: **REVIEW OF TEXTILE RECYCLING**

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the clothing and textile recycling banks collection service in the Borough.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Panel notes the contents of this report.

INTRODUCTION

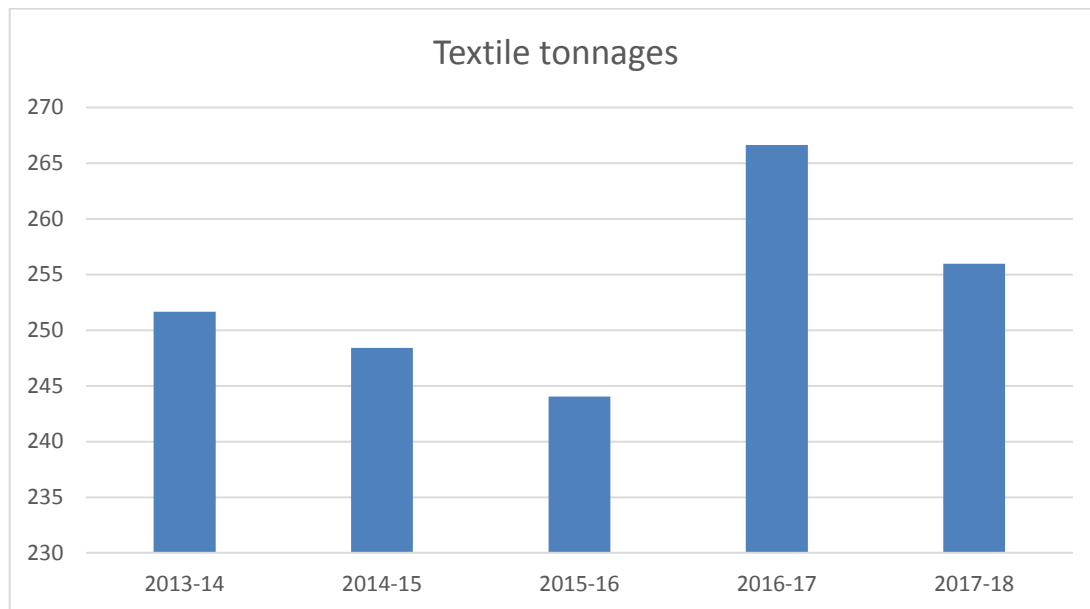
1. Household textiles are collected for recycling through a network of recycling banks. All banks on public land are operated for the Council under contract. Several charities operate banks on private land.
2. All banks can be used for clean household textiles, including clothes, underwear, hats, belts, table linen, bed linen etc. The only exceptions are pillows and duvets which are not accepted.
3. The Council contract is operated by SOEX, formerly the European Recycling Company Ltd (ERC). The contract agreement allows for all local authorities in Hampshire to join and four have done so, Portsmouth, Havant, Winchester and East Hampshire Councils.

TEXTILE RECYCLING BANKS OPERATION

4. The clothing and textiles are collected from the blue textile banks by a designated driver, and stockpiled in a shipping container. Once this is full, it is transported direct to SOEX's sorting plant in Germany.
5. The material is sorted into 400 different categories covering material type, clothing type, target group and brand. The textiles are sent for reuse or recycling depending on their quality. The charities service their banks in a similar way.
6. Currently there are 51 recycling banks on public and private land across the borough. A full list can be found at Appendix A. The banks are emptied on a schedule depending on the usage of the site which can fluctuate throughout the year.
7. The driver can carry out any minor maintenance to the banks on site during the emptying schedule.

TEXTILE TONNAGES COLLECTED

8. Since April 2013, over 1200 tonnes of textiles have been sent for reuse or recycling. As well as the environmental and social benefit, the figures are included in the Council's Recycling Rate.
9. The graph illustrates the tonnages collected in all textile banks. The number of banks can change as charities install more on private land, or remove them, and the Council is not always aware of these changes. The tonnages collected by SOEX as part of the Council contract have increased over the period.
10. The average collected per month per bank is 330kg; although this obviously depends on the individual site. It varies from a maximum of over 1.3 tonnes in Portchester precinct or Stubbington Community Centre, to only 21kg in Ferneham Hall car park and Civic Way car park.
11. There is a variation of less than 8% between the best and worst years. The spike in 2016/17, for example, represents about 7% of the average collected per bank per month of 330kg, compared to 2015-16.



PROMOTION OF TEXTILES RECYCLING

12. Textile recycling is promoted along with other recycling services in several ways. These include periodical press releases, talks and presentations, articles in Fareham Today, the Council website and social media. An information leaflet with locations of all recycling banks is sent out on request, and to residents who request additional refuse bins.
13. Textiles are one of the items often found contaminating recycle bins, so there is still some confusion among residents, who are aware they can be recycled, but not through the blue-top bins.

TEXTILES RECYCLING CONTRACT

14. The contract with SOEX expires in March 2019. The tender process is under-way to re-let the contract from March next year.

RISK ASSESSMENT

15. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report

CONCLUSION

16. The clothing and textile recycling bank service continues to operate well, and contribute to the Council's overall Recycling Rate.

Background Papers:

None

Reference Papers:

None

Appendices:

Appendix A – All Textile Recycling Bank Locations in Fareham

Enquiries:

For further information on this report please contact Sue Hand. (Ext 4554)

APPENDIX A –TEXTILE RECYCLING BANK LOCATIONS

1	Barry's Meadow car park, Titchfield, Fareham	SOEX
2	Bath Lane car park, Fareham	SOEX
3	Bishopsfield Road car park, Fareham	SOEX
4	Burridge Sports & Social Club, Botley Road	SOEX
5	Civic way car park, Fareham	SOEX
6	Crofton Community Centre car park, Stubbington	SOEX
7	Ferneham Hall, Osborne Road, Fareham	SOEX
8	Harper Way Taxi Rank, Fareham	SOEX
9	Highlands Road shops, Fareham	SOEX
10	Holly Hill car park, Sarisbury Green	SOEX
11	Leisure Centre car park, Park Lane, Fareham	SOEX
12	Lower Lysses car park, Fareham	SOEX
13	Malthouse Lane, off Osborne Road South, Fareham	SOEX
14	Market Quay car park, Fareham	SOEX
15	Middle Road car park, Park Gate	SOEX
16	Osborn Road Multi Storey car park pedestrian entrance, Central Fareham	SOEX
17	Osborn Road Youth Centre car park, Fareham	SOEX
18	Passage Lane car park, Warsash	SOEX
19	Portchester Precinct car park, Portchester	SOEX
20	Priory Park Community Hall car park, Upper Brook Drive, Locks Heath	SOEX
21	Titchfield Community Centre car park, Mill Lane	SOEX
22	Upper Lysses car park, Fareham	SOEX
23	Wallington Community Centre car park	SOEX
24	Warsash Road car park, Warsash	SOEX
25	Western Road, Fareham	SOEX
26	Wicor Recreation Ground, Portchester	SOEX
27	ASDA, Speedfields Park, Fareham,	Salvation Army
28	St Columba CE Primary Academy, Tewkesbury Avenue, Fareham	Salvation Army
29	Castle Primary School, Castle Street, Porchester	Salvation Army
30	Hook with Warsash CE Primary School, Church Road, Warsash	Salvation Army
31	Solent Breezes Holiday Park, Hook Lane, Warsash	Salvation Army
32	Oast & Squire, 2 Peak Lane, Fareham	Salvation Army
33	Co-op Store, Warsash Road, Warsash	Salvation Army
34	Queens Head, High Street, Titchfield	Salvation Army
35	Co-op Store, Highlands Road, Fareham	Salvation Army
36	Co-op Filling Station, 165 Highlands Road, Fareham	Salvation Army
37	One Stop Stores, 18 Warsash Road, Warsash	Salvation Army
38	Sir Joseph Paxton, 272 Hunts Pond Road, Titchfield Common	Salvation Army
39	One Stop Stores, 1 Leith Avenue, Portchester	Salvation Army
40	One Stop Stores, 62-64 Crofton Lane, Stubbington	Salvation Army
41	One Stop Stores, 44-46 White Hart Lane, Portchester	Salvation Army
42	The Miners Arms, 112 Funtley Road, Fareham	Salvation Army
43	The Fernes Care Home, 6 Samuel Mortimer Close,	Salvation Army

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44	Wickes, Speedfields Park	British Heart Foundation
45	Abbey Garden Centre, Titchfield	British Heart Foundation
46	Salisbury Social Club, Addison Road, Salisbury	Hampshire Air Ambulance
47	The Salterns Club, Newtown Road, Warsash	Hampshire Air Ambulance
48	Locks Heath Shopping Centre	Hampshire Air Ambulance
49	Sainsburys, Broadcut, Fareham	Oxfam
50	HMS Collingwood	TRAID (Textile Recycling for Aid and International Development)
51	St Philip Howard Church	TRAID