NON-EXEMPT

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

CHANGES TO GLASS RECYCLING BANKS

FOR DECISION

Portfolio Holder: **CLLR L BOWERMAN**

Key Decision: No

1. Purpose

1.1. This paper is submitted to seek agreement to proposed changes in the arrangements for Glass Recycling Banks.

2. Recommendation

2.1. THAT the arrangements for Glass Recycling Banks are changed in accordance with paragraph 7.4 below.

3. Executive Summary

3.1 This report outlines proposed changes to the collection arrangements for glass banks to address health and safety issues and increase storage capacity at the bank sites. A reduction in the number of sites is part of the proposal.

4. Additional Budgetary Implications

4.1 There is a capital cost for the new containers and vehicle that will be compensated for by the revenue saving in the method of collection.

5. Background:

5.1. Norse SE collect glass for recycling from glass “bring” banks in Havant.

5.2. At present the glass is deposited in 120x1100 litre containers and collected frequently using standard refuse collection vehicles.

5.3. This method of collection presents manual handling risks to the operatives and concerning sound levels have also been recorded. Collecting glass in standard collection vehicles also accelerates wear to the vehicle mechanism.

5.4. As a result, Norse SE are proposing to change the collection method with implications for customer access.

5.5. Recently, due to resourcing difficulties with waste collection generally, collections from glass banks have not been reliable and this has led to a build-up of excess glass at bring sites. The Norse SE proposal will address this in that the storage capacity of the new arrangement will be significantly increased.

6. Proposal:

6.1. It is proposed to replace the 1100 litre containers with 10,700 litre enclosed skips. The skips will be collected by a skip carrier which will remove the health and safety risks to the operatives outlined above. The skip carrier will be available for other work across the service agreement including potential commercial work. The skips will have a sensing device to allow remote monitoring of how full they are. This and their increased size will reduce the environmental impact of collection.

6.2. It is proposed to remove glass banks from some of the sites (see appendix 1 (spreadsheet) and 2 (map) where small volumes are collected, access problems exist and, in some cases, where abuse is believed to take place, for example trade waste being deposited in pub car park sites. Overall, however the storage capacity will be substantially increased, and a good distribution of convenient sites will be maintained. A date for the changes has yet to be proposed because of supply chain delays in obtaining the necessary equipment.

7. Options considered

7.1. Do Nothing

It is not recommended to maintain the current arrangements because of the health and safety implications and the lack of on-site capacity at many locations.

7.2. Replace all current storage units with larger ones

Some of the current sites have poor access, some receive small amounts of glass and some are in locations where it is easy for commercial waste to be deposited in them.

7.3. **Use a different kind of large storage unit**

The enclosed skips proposed are the least costly of the alternatives and can be collected by a standard skip carrier which is less costly than the current collection vehicle.

7.4. **Reduce the original number of sites but increase capacity on remaining sites by introducing new 10,700 litre enclosed containers at suitable sites.** Potential sites must have good access for collection and agreeable ownership so there are limited suitable locations. As a result, the original number of sites is reduced. Overall, the glass bank storage capacity across the Borough is increasing significantly however with the current proposals. Some additional sites are being investigated to try and get the best geographical spread. The proposed sites are attached as appendices 1 and 2.

8. Resource Implications

8.1. Financial Implications

The proposed collection method uses less staff with a less costly vehicle which will travel less miles. The result is a reduction in annual costs of c£60,000. The capital cost of 30 containers and the skip carrier is c£171,000.

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8.2. Human Resources Implications

There are no Human Resources Implications.

8.3. Information Governance Implications

There are no Information governance implications.

8.4. Links to Shaping our Future Programme

This proposal maintains a valued service at lower cost and lower environmental impact.

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9. Legal Implications

9.1 There are no specific legal implications associated with this report

10. Risks

10.1 There is a risk that residents currently using sites that are to be discontinued will stop recycling their glass. This is mitigated by trying to ensure a good geographical spread of sites where possible.

11. Consultation

11.1 The proposals have been discussed informally with Cabinet Members.

12. Communication

A communications plan will be drawn up prior to implementation giving advance notice of the changes and where the new sites will be.

13. Appendices

Appendix 1 Site List
Appendix 2 Site Map

14. Background papers

None

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