

RECYCLING BRING SITES

Item CE 24/4 referred from Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee of 7 February 2024

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided an update in respect of the current recycling bring sites. Since the introduction of the new recycling services in October 2019, use of all sites had reduced significantly as had been anticipated.

Members noted that the overall tonnage of most of the materials which were now collected from kerbside had reduced significantly and continuing to reduce with the roll out of the communal recycling service. In 2022/23 bring site materials accounted for around 2% of all recycling collected, compared with 14% in 2018/19.

Consideration was given to a number of options detailed in the report and particular attention was given to whether the textile and/or charity banks should be retained. On balance, the Committee felt that there were sufficient alternative options for residents to recycle textiles, such as local charity shops. It was also felt that retaining these banks could encourage fly tipping when they were full.

***RECOMMENDATION:** That all remaining sites be removed due to the reasons detailed at section 1.2 of the report.

***Recommended to Cabinet**

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REVIEW OF PEST CONTROL SERVICE

Item CE 24/6 referred from Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee of 7 February 2024

The report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health outlined the current provision in respect of pest control and set out a number of options from November 2024.

Details of the cost of providing the service for the last three full financial years and the estimated increased cost of the current one year contract extension was provided together with the position across Kent local authorities. Members were reminded that it was not a statutory requirement for the Borough Council to provide a pest control service.

Careful consideration was given to the 'pros and cons' of three options detailed in the report, the financial and value for money considerations and whether subsidised treatments should be provided for those residents in receipt of Council Tax Reduction.

***RECOMMENDED:** That

- (1) a pest control service where residents could be referred to and agreed treatments subsidised for those in receipt of Council Tax Reduction within an agreed annual maximum cost to the Borough Council from November 2024 (Option 3) be tendered for.

***Recommended to Cabinet**

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