

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

27 May 2014

Report of the Director of Street Scene & Leisure

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)

1 PAPER BANKS – OUTLETTING OF MATERIAL

Summary

The report recommends the extension of the existing contract with Aylesford Newsprint Ltd for provision and emptying of paper banks.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The Council has a network of recycling bring sites across the borough. Most of the sites are provided with a number of paper banks.

1.1.2 Our existing contract with Aylesford Newsprint Ltd sees them providing banks and emptying them. Collected paper is taken to their Aylesford Mill and made into newsprint. We presently recycle 460 tonnes per year of paper collected at our 'bring' sites.

1.2 The Way Forward

1.2.1 The contract we agreed with Aylesford Newsprint in May 2009 was for a period of five years with an option to extend it for a further five years, that is, until May 2019.

1.2.2 The arrangements with Aylesford Newsprint have worked well over many years and have provided good value to the Council and our residents. I am confident that the quality of the service will be sustained over the next five years if Members agreed to an extension of the contract for a further five years.

1.2.3 During 2018/19, our major waste contracts will be the subject of service reviews and retendering and it is, therefore, useful that an extension of the paper bank contract would terminate in 2019 in order to retain flexibility of our options.

1.3 Legal Implications

1.3.1 The arrangements for the sale of paper collected at our recycling 'bring' sites is set out in a formal agreement document signed by both parties.

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.4.1 The contract with Aylesford Newsprint provided for the Council to receive an income. Basically, Aylesford Newsprint deducts their haulage costs from the income derived from the sale of paper. The remaining “income” is paid to the Council. **[Annex 1]** sets out tonnages and associated income from paper banks over the past five years. In addition to the above income we also benefit from recycling credits paid by Kent County Council as the Waste Disposal Authority.

1.5 Risk Assessment

- 1.5.1 None.

1.6 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.6.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report.

1.7 Recommendations

- 1.7.1 It is **RECOMMENDED THAT CABINET APPROVE** the extension of our contract with Aylesford Newsprint Ltd for the provision of banks and collection of paper from our ‘bring’ sites until 16 May 2019.

The Director of Street Scene & Leisure confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

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Nil

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Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The decisions do not impact on any of the equality groups.

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Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	All groups will be treated equally.
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.