

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	<b>Cllr Martin Veal, Cabinet Member for Communities</b> <b>Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Resources</b>	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	<b>On or after 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		<b>E2921</b>
TITLE:	<b>Approval of Capital Funding for Waste and Recycling Containers</b>	
WARD:	All	
<i>Attached:</i>		

### 1 THE ISSUE

1.1 Approval is needed to release funding to progress with the procurement of the following containers required as part of the Waste Service Redesign Project planned for Autumn 2017:

- (1) 140litre and 240litre wheeled bins
- (2) Re-usable rubbish bags
- (3) 55L boxes for the recycling service
- (4) Bulk bins

1.2 Orders are required to be placed before the end of 2016 to secure manufacturer slots and limit risk of exposure to price rises.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Members are asked to;

- 2.1 Approve the capital budget up to a maximum of £1.34M to be spent on containers.

### 3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

3.1 The capital may need to be paid this financial year as a pre-payment for delivery of goods in 2017/18, but significant attempts will be made to move this to next financial year if this is acceptable to bidders.

- 3.2 The revenue impact on Service Supported Borrowing budgets will be £163,712 pa which impacts in full in 18/19 (£28,000 in 17/18). This is in line with the financial modelling that informed the July 13<sup>th</sup> Cabinet decision and will be factored into the budget presented to the Council for decision making through the 17/18 budget process.
- 3.3 The level of funding required for these items will come within an overall waste budget allocation for capital items of £1.34M. The exact spend will be determined through a tender process.

#### **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 The Cabinet at its July 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting agreed to implement wheeled bins for waste collection in 2017/18 and so commissioned the waste service redesign project.
- 4.2 The capital required for the bins and receptacles in 2017/18 is linked to the waste service redesign project. This project is governed through an internal, officer led, Programme Board.
- 4.3 The supply of the wheeled bins to containerise waste at properties able to accommodate them within the district (80% of B&NES households) is critical to the design of the new collection services. The use of wheeled bins collected every other week is the most established method of efficiently and safely collecting the small amount of non-recyclable waste that is left once the extensive recycling services have been fully utilised. This project is seeking to secure the best price for the supply and delivery of the wheeled bins within a defined time as part of the overall change to the waste and recycling collection services. An additional stock of recycling boxes will allow us to offer extra recycling capacity to residents to capture more materials from the waste stream.

#### **5 THE REPORT**

- 5.1 The procurement of wheeled bins will be for distribution to householders during Sept-Nov 2017 ahead of the collection service changes in November. The most competitive prices for the bins will be secured, and delivery schedules will be agreed in line with wider project rollout plans.
- 5.2 A total of 61,000 x 140L bins are required and estimated 6,000 x 240L bins for larger households, and those with 2 children in nappies. A further 14,000 X reusable rubbish bags will also be required. Approximately 80% of the B&NES district will be supplied with wheeled bins, as their property is deemed as having sufficient space and access to store them. The remaining 20% of the district will either be provided with reusable rubbish bag as a means of containerising their waste or a bulk bin as part of their communal collection.
- 5.3 The procurement of the wheeled bins needs to start in November 2016 to enable manufacturing slots to be secured. The procurement will be undertaken through an established national framework, ESPO, allowing for an element of competition between vetted suppliers and the ability to build in our local requirements around delivery.

5.4 Each wheeled bin will have an expected lifespan of 10 years, with a replacement retention rate (for lost bins, those damaged during collections) built in to the modelled budget forecasts for the overall project.

## **6 RATIONALE**

6.1 The rationale is included in Section 5 above. In addition, we are advised by the bin manufacturers that, as many Local Authorities are placing orders for next year now, they need a ten month lead in, to guarantee delivery in time for us. It is therefore necessary to bring the approval request forward, to place the order now.

6.2 In addition, the cost of plastic is rising. One bin manufacturer has increased prices to customers by 8% last month (they have said this is due to the global market, the price of oil and Brexit). Others are anticipated to follow suit. This will have a huge impact on cost for the Council. However it is understood that those who have not increased their prices yet will fix them for B&NES at current rates if the order is placed now for delivery next summer. Purchase will be from a framework so that the best deal is achieved, as well as continuing to explore the potential of additional discount by purchasing jointly with South Gloucestershire Council who will be placing orders for wheelie bins imminently.

## **7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

7.1 The only other consideration would be to have no receptacles provided for the every other week refuse collections, or district wide use of re-usable rubbish bags. However, the Cabinet decision in July 2016 confirmed the future use of wheeled bins, collected every other week, as the service to be provided, and is the most established method of efficiently and safely collecting waste. Containerising waste will also reduce the litter on streets and increase recycling

## **8 CONSULTATION**

8.1 Officers have presented the proposals to the Bath City Forum, Somer Valley Forum, Keynsham Forum, Chew Valley Forum, Bathavon Forum and the Parish Liason Forum.

8.2 Focus groups will be formulated from each service area to determine the outline specifications for tendering. The bids received will be evaluated by operational staff, supervisors, management and the redesign project team.

## **9 RISK MANAGEMENT**

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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<b>Background</b>	<a href="https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=899">https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=899</a>

<b>papers</b>	Cabinet decision 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2016  <a href="http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/bins-rubbish-and-recycling/waste-strategy-statistics-and-health-safety/waste-strategy">http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/bins-rubbish-and-recycling/waste-strategy-statistics-and-health-safety/waste-strategy</a>  Towards Zero Waste 2020 – The Council’s adopted waste strategy – 2014 update
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