

To consider the introduction of media banks for Books and DVD's at selected Bring Sites.

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PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider the provision of media banks at approximately 16 sites across the district for the collection of books and DVD's.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Our current textile contractor, Perfect Stores has the availability to provide at nil cost to the authority, a number of banks (media banks) to be located at various bring sites across the district for the collection and ultimate reuse and recycling of DVD's and books.

Perfect Stores will provide the authority with the associated collection tonnage data, for which a recycling/reuse credit will be payable from ECC to the authority; currently £66.32 per tonne.

This service is an opportunity for the council to increase the recycling and reuse services available and provides residents with an opportunity to reduce the amount of materials placed in their black refuse sacks.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (a) For Perfect Stores to provide, install and manage approximately 16 media banks across the district on behalf of Tendring District Council for a period to run in conjunction with their current textile bank contract (5 years with option to extend for further 2 years), after which the scheme will be revaluated.

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

Our Place

Protect and enhance our environment countryside and coast.

Providing a quality waste and recycling service which is affordable and sustainable ensures that an effective waste service can be provided for residents in the district which will also reduce the incidence of fly tipping and littering.

FINANCE, OTHER RESOURCES AND RISK

Finance and other resources

Based upon the assumption of 16 banks being deployed, this could equate to 63 tonnes collected per annum, resulting in £4,166 revenue associated with recycling credits.

The banks are owned, maintained and serviced by the contractor; Perfect Stores will also

be responsible for all the costs associated with deployment of the banks.

A procurement exercise has NOT been undertaken, as any contract would be neutral to the authority. This is best highlighted by the 7 media banks currently located at supermarket bring sites within the district and serviced by British Heart Foundation (BHF). These banks are operated on a NIL cost basis with no contractual obligations to the authority; however we receive the tonnage data from which recycling credits are obtained. During 2017 these 7 banks generated 19 tonnes of media, which are then passed on directly and exclusively to their local charity shops within the district.

A number of these banks will be deployed at community sites and as such a proportion of the revenue gained from the associated recycling credits is passed on to the relevant community group.

Risk

The quantity of Books and DVD's currently deposited at the BHF banks or directly at charity shops could be adversely affected. However with the introduction of 16 additional banks across the district any affect would be minimal.

LEGAL

We have a legal obligation to recycle and by providing media banks at additional locations will help engage the public to participate with the reuse of unwanted books and DVD's.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Consideration has been given to the implications of the proposed decision in respect of the following and any significant issues are set out below.
Crime and Disorder / Equality and Diversity / Health Inequalities / Area or Ward affected / Consultation/Public Engagement.

Crime and Disorder

Provision of additional banks can help reduce fly tipping by firstly providing the public with an additional outlet for unwanted books and DVD's and secondly by occupying a vacant space at the relevant bring site provides less opportunity for fly tipping to occur.

Wards Affected

A number of wards are affected as the media banks will be placed across the district.

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

There are currently 7 media banks located in the main supermarket bring sites across the

district, these are all run and maintained by British Heart Foundation. These banks and the charity have no contractual obligation or agreement with the authority and as such no direct revenue or costs are attributed to these banks and the authority. However a copy of the tonnage collected from the banks is passed on, for which the authority receives recycling credits revenue. This revenue is NOT passed on to the charity, but remains solely with the authority.

During 2017 these 7 banks collected 19 tonnes of books and DVD's, with an associated recycling credits revenue of £1260. The materials collected from these banks are used exclusively in the British Heart Foundation (BHF) shops located within the Tendring district.

CURRENT POSITION

Further dialogue with BHF has indicated that their current level of media banks in the district is sufficient to match the demand from their stores and as such they have no requirement to install any additional banks.

Tendring District Council currently has over 80 bring sites across the district and whilst the majority of these sites are just for glass there are a number of sites, including community sites which have been identified where there is capacity for the introduction of a media bank. Furthermore with the removal of paper banks from a number of sites, there is further opportunity to utilise the resultant void from the paper bank removal with a media bank, which in turn will promote the continued use of the site by providing a diverse range of materials which the public will be able to recycle.

FURTHER HEADINGS RELEVANT TO THE REPORT

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

APPENDICES

