

**DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICER UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE LOCAL
AUTHORITIES EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENT REGULATIONS 2012**

Officer: Shaun Robson, Service Unit Head – Environmental Services

Service Unit: Environmental Services

Date of Decision: 19th January 2017

Title: Bulky Household Waste Collection Service – Review of the statutory service currently out-sourced to Dorset Reclaim.

Decision(s) Taken:

Threshold Trigger: (please delete as required and give background)

(i) Decision taken in consultation with the Portfolio Holder

To bring the Bulky Household waste Collection Service back in-house. The service was out-sourced as a commercial tender in 2007 and operationally we are now in a position to bring back in-house. Items collected will support; internal/external partners, the new to you shop and groups/individuals in need

Reason for the Decision:

1. Background

- 1.1 The Borough of Poole reached an out-sourcing agreement with Dorset Reclaim to collect Bulky Household Waste in 2007. The service has been in-place since then.
- 1.2 Dorset Reclaim waive the collection charge if the bulky household waste can be sold in their shop.
- 1.3 Where a charge is made, it is currently £30 for the first item and £6 for every additional item that is collected on the same visit.
- 1.4 As part of the agreement, we collect the waste generated from collections made in Poole. The waste is stored in separate containers, one for residual waste and one for wood. The only charge we make for the collection of either waste is a nominal £40 haulage charge for the residual waste skip. There is no disposal charge made for either residual waste or wood waste.
- 1.5 The cost to BoP to dispose of the waste tipped by Dorset Reclaim is £10.9k per annum.
- 1.6 Dorset Reclaim is allowed to retain any income generated from residual metal waste.

2. Opportunities/benefits if service brought in-house

In summary, an in-house service would enhance the support to internal service units (e.g. adult and children's social care) and external agencies/charities (e.g. PHP and Footprints) as well as providing an extended range of services to residents.

An in-house service will ensure we contain our costs as we know we will only be disposing of waste from households in Poole.

The key opportunities/benefits are seen as:

- Provides items to sell in the new to you shop.
- Provides items to donate to individuals/groups in need.
- House clearance service could be introduced.
- Possibly deliver items to individuals/groups in need that do not have access to transport.
- Supports the existing flexible commercial waste activities by allowing us to offer a bulky commercial waste collection service e.g.
 - Schools
 - Offices
 - Internal bulky collections
- We could collect textiles/WEEE when making collections which would give us a small additional income.
- Service could operate 7 days a week.
- The bin delivery service will be more efficient as it will be combined with other services and improve vehicle utilisation.
- Replacement vehicles would be enclosed which will improve the condition of brik-a-brak transported from Nuffield/Millhams to new to you.

Declaration of Interest(s), to include:

(Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Officer consulted by the Decision Maker and/or a note of any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service relating to the Decision).

None

Report/Information Considered:

A Business Case was written and signed off by the Bulky Household Waste Project Board on 10th January 2017. The business case was discussed with Shaun Robson (SUH) and John Rampton (Portfolio holder) on 19th January 2017. At this meeting, it was agreed that if the service was brought in-house the service available to residents would be unchanged, therefore, it was considered to be an operational decision. On that basis it would proceed as an Executive Decision.

Legislation covering this type of service is covered by different acts, below is a summary of the service and which legislation it is covered by:

Service	Type of Service	Covered By	Comment
Bulky Household Waste Collection	Statutory	Controlled Waste (England & Wales) Regulations 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can charge for collection • Cannot charge for disposal • Cover cost of service only cannot make a profit

House Clearance (Residential)	Discretionary	Controlled Waste (England & Wales) Regulations 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can charge for collection • Cannot charge for disposal • Cover cost of service only cannot make a profit
Bulky Clearance (Commercial)	Discretionary	Local Government Act 2003 – Section 93	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer will be from the private sector • Can charge for collection and disposal • Cover cost of service only cannot make a profit
Bulky Clearance (Public Sector)	Discretionary	Local Authorities (Goods & Services) Act 1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can charge for collection and disposal • Can make a profit

Alternatives Considered:

The only other alternative considered was to put the service out for commercial tender. It was felt that if the service remained out-sourced, even with a different provider, it would not allow BoP to support the new to you shop or individuals/groups in need.

Budget Implications:

The existing bin delivery service currently runs at a deficit of (£50.9k) per annum. By bringing the service in-house, taking into account the need for an additional driver and loader plus other costs (e.g. storage) and setting these against the additional income (e.g. collection charges) the deficit reduces to (£46.1k) per annum.

Signed: 

Dated: 9th Feb 17