

## **CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION AND WASTE DISPOSAL**

### **WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?**

The Council currently provides the following:

- Alternative weekly collection for residual waste and recycling
- Bulky Household Waste Collection service
- Household recycling site for the disposal of household waste
- Collection and disposal for Schedule 2 organisations
- Recycling, treatment and disposal of all Council controlled waste

The legal framework for Waste Collection and Disposal is set out in a number of Acts:

Section 45 of the Environmental Protection Act states “it shall be the duty of each waste collection authority to arrange for the collection of household waste in its area”.

Section 51 states “it shall be the duty of each waste disposal authority to arrange a) for the disposal of the controlled waste collected in its area by the waste collection authority, and b) for places to be provided to which persons/residents in its area may deposit their household waste and for the disposal of waste so deposited.

Also the new legislative framework with regard to recycling defines which materials can go to landfill.

The Household Waste Recycling Act 2010 states “two types of recyclable material must be collected at kerbside”.

Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 advise of the types of household waste for which a charge for collection may be made (Schedule 2). The Council has 62 contracts with organisations falling into the Schedule 2 category.

### **HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL’S OBLIGATIONS?**

The services provided by the Council currently meet the statutory obligations with the exception of charges made for collection of Schedule 2 waste.

### **DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?**

The Council currently return to collect reported missed bins whether refuse or recycling, however when the cameras on refuse and recycling vehicles are checked, in the majority of cases these bins have either not been put out for collection or have been emptied. On average there are approximately 40 bins reported per week. This service will cease as part of the core offer.

There are currently 8 recycling bring sites across the Borough where residents can take material to be recycled. Previously this service was cost neutral, however in recent years the Council has to pay for this service therefore as part of the core offer, 5 of the sites will be removed at Asda, Harrowgate Club and Institute, Haughton Working Mens' Club, Morrison's Morton Park and Chesnut Street Car Park.

The savings from the above two changes to service; returning for missed bins and removing bring sites will be used to fund the 1.5 Environmental Crime staff that have been built back into the service.

Currently there are 62 contracts with organisations across the Borough that receive either free of charge or reduced charges for the collection of waste from their premises. The proposal would be to charge the appropriate rate in line with legislation and therefore increase the overall income to the Council. Details of the organisations are included in the relevant Budget Cut Assessment Form.

#### **Impact:**

There will be a financial impact on the organisations that receive the reduced rates, and depending upon what their current arrangements are, in some cases the increase will be in the hundreds of pounds others significant increasing by more than £1,000 and in one case over £3000 and for a few organisation a small reduction.

#### **WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?**

**2019/20 budget £5,910,872**

|                                       | <b>Budget 2019/20<br/>£</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Employee                              | 1,638,353                   |
| Transport                             | 1,008,205                   |
| Supplies & Services                   | 11,047                      |
| Third Party Payments (Waste Disposal) | 3,236,940                   |
| Support Services                      | 120,866                     |
| Capital Charges*                      | 234,410                     |
| Income^                               | (623,970)                   |
| Overheads                             | 285,021                     |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>5,910,872</b>            |

\*Purchase of wheeled bins was financed through prudential borrowing.

^The service receives income from a number of sources and includes £382,000 from trade waste, £50,000 bulky household collections and over £50,000 from house clearances for housing services. Collections for other parties also contributes towards the service.