

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD, ENVIRONMENT AND  
COMMUNITIES CABINET MEMBER**

**COMMERCIAL GLASS RECYCLING**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 The object of this report is to advise on the arrangements made to implement kerbside collections of glass from licensed and other premises.
- 1.2 The key points in the report are:
- Representations have been received from members of the licensed trade who wish to recycle waste glass (cullet)
  - As a consequence of the expansion of schemes into 'Round 18', sufficient capacity now exists within the waste collection vehicle fleet to offer a service for mixed glass recovery from commercial organisations
  - Due to the legal requirement to levy charges for this service, initial take up has been limited

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Historically, separate collections of glass from licensed premises were undertaken directly by the glass reprocessing industry through commercial contracts with breweries. Changes in management arrangements at pubs etc. and the limited capacity of the glass reprocessing industry led to the withdrawal of the service.
- 2.2 The council has commercial waste agreements with a number of licensed premises within North Lincolnshire from whom mixed waste for landfill is currently collected. In accordance with statute, a charge is levied for this service.
- 2.3 Over time, licensed premises have made representations to the council for the provision of a service to separately collect and recycle glass. Currently only a handful of council owned and operated premises receive separate collections of glass e.g. Plowright Theatre.

- 2.4 The recent introduction of kerbside recycling collections into the Crosby area of Scunthorpe (Round 18) has necessitated the acquisition of an additional waste collection vehicle. Capacity now exists to complete both the existing and any additional glass collections requested.
- 2.5 Each of the 119 licensed premises with which the council is currently contracted to provide commercial waste collections, has been advised of the availability of this new service. To date, only 13 have responded positively.
- 2.6 Collections of mixed cullet will commence on Tuesday 29 September. Processing of the recovered glass will be completed by the council's waste contracting partner AbitibiBowater.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 That publicity is given to the scheme to boost the number of licensed premises which participate.
- 3.2 That no further publicity is undertaken.

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 It is anticipated that further publicity will be beneficial and an increased take-up will divert more commercial waste from landfill.
- 4.2 Taking no further action will mean that more commercial waste is sent to landfill.

### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

- 5.1 Charges must be levied for the provision of this service. At the current level of demand only a small income will be generated. The resources deployed are those existing.

### **6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

- 6.1 Commercial waste currently received by the Council is considered to be 'Municipal Waste' and contributes to National Performance Indicators (N 193) and landfill allowance limits. It is in the interests of the council to divert as much as this material away from landfill as possible.

## 7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

7.1 Each of the licensed premises with which the council currently does business was contacted in writing and advised of the proposed new service. The majority failed to respond or acknowledge the communication.

## 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 Appropriate publicity is given to the launch of this new service.

8.2 Those licensed premises with whom the council is not currently contracted are offered the opportunity to participate in the collection scheme at the agreed rate.

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### **Background Papers used in the preparation of this report**

None