

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

**REVIEW OF THE REFUSE COLLECTION AND RECYLING OPERATION.  
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.**

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Margaret Sherrey
Responsible Head of Service	Michael Bell
Non-key Decision	

**1. SUMMARY**

1.1 To seek approval to change the type of refuse collection vehicle fleet to a standard type of refuse collection vehicle.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That members agree to commence a migration away from the current side arm refuse collection fleet to a standard type of refuse collection vehicle similar to those operated by all other Local Authorities in this country.

2.2 That members agree to do this on a phased basis commencing with 2 vehicles that will be part funded by the vehicle manufacturer in compensation for losses of bins that have occurred since commencement of the existing operation.

2.3 Members note that the negotiations for compensation have progressed and that agreement has now been reached.

2.4 Members recommend to full Council the virement of £63,500 from the capital budget relating to containers which will no longer be required for this purpose. This will be utilised in conjunction with the compensation arrangements to enable the Council to acquire two new vehicles.

2.5 That members approve the wider vehicle replacement programme in accordance with the funding provision agreed within the capital programme.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The report to members in June detailed the reasons for modifying the method of operation.

3.2 Members will recall that officers were negotiating with the existing vehicle manufacturer with regard to the provision of alternative vehicles by way of a wider compensation arrangement. Officers can report that these

negotiations are now concluding and that two new vehicles will be part funded as a result thereof.

- 3.3 The 2008/9 capital programme includes £63,500 in respect of the purchase of containers for side arm vehicles. The new fleet arrangement will negate the need for this equipment and it is proposed that these funds be vired to meet any shortfall between the compensation arrangements and the value of the vehicles.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The funding currently available within the capital programme of £63,500 could be used to fund any shortfall between the compensation arrangements and the value of the vehicles. Any under spend will be transferred to capital receipts.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None

#### **6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES**

- 6.1 These changes will impact on both 'Improvement' and 'Environment' in the Council Objectives.

#### **7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 7.1 The main risks associated with the detail included in this report are:
- The timescale for delivery of the vehicles and the continuing reliability of the existing fleet. (Risk Register 1.8)

#### **8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Residents should see a more consistent level of service in both the short and long term.

#### **9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 Reverting to a standard refuse collection vehicle fleet with a 3 man team on each vehicle will improve the departments capacity to deal with the increasing number of assisted collections as result of the ageing population of the area. We are aware that the age profile within the District is moving towards an older population, this move would therefore future proof the service against the need to make changes in the long term.

## **10. VFM IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Having a standard service similar to neighbouring Authorities will enable greater opportunity for partnership working resulting in efficiency gains. It will also allow more accurate benchmarking.

## **11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

Procurement Issues:	Yes. Potential EEC regs.
Personnel Implications:	Yes, Change in JD's
Governance/ Performance Management:	Yes long term improvement.
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998:	None
Policy:	None
Environmental:	Improved PI's

## **12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT**

Portfolio Holder	<b>Yes</b>
Chief Executive	<b>Yes</b>
Corporate Director (Services)	<b>Yes</b>
Assistant Chief Executive	<b>No</b>
Head of Service)	<b>Yes</b>
Head of Financial Services	<b>Yes</b>
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	<b>Yes</b>
Head of Organisational Development & HR	<b>No</b>
Corporate Procurement Team	<b>No</b>

## **13. WARDS AFFECTED**

None

#### **14. APPENDICES**

None

#### **15. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Cabinet Report June 2008: Review of Refuse and Recycling Collections.

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