

BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting:- Thursday 4th December, 2014
at 2.00 p.m. (Committee Room No. 4)

A G E N D A

PART ONE

1. To note any items which the Chairman considers to be of an urgent nature.
2. To receive notice from Members who may wish to move any delegated matter non-delegated and which will be decided by a majority of Members present and voting at the meeting.

3. Admission of Public and Press

To consider whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the agenda.

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by Members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

5. Apologies for Absence/Attendance of Substitute Members.
6. Confirmation of Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October, 2014 (copy attached).
7. Leisure Services Group Minutes.
- (D) 8. Policy and Strategy.
- (D) 9. Street Cleansing.

**NOTE (D) – Delegated
(R) – Referred**

Membership of Committee

Councillors Roberts (Chairman)
Cassidy (Vice-Chairman)
Derbyshire
Hamilton
Husband
Johnston
R. McClure
Maddox
Opie
C. Thomson
M. A. Thomson
Wall

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at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillors Cassidy (Vice-Chairman), Derbyshire, Hamilton, Husband, Johnston, Opie, C. Thomson, M. A. Thomson and Wall.

Officers Present:- John Penfold (Corporate Support Manager), Keely Fisher (Democratic Services Officer) and Matthew Tranter (Apprentice).

14 – Disclosures of Interest

Councillor MA Thomson declared a Registrable Interest in Agenda Item No.8 – Annual Report (Minute No. 19) as her husband was an allotment holder.

15 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Maddox, R. McClure and Roberts.

16 – Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September, 2014 were taken as read and confirmed.

17 – Street Cleansing

Drug related waste

The Corporate Support Manager reported that at the meeting of this Committee in September, Members had raised an issue regarding hypodermic needles being disposed of in backstreets. The Committee felt that it should undertake a review of enforcement with regards to this matter and agreed that this item be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

A work group had been established and members of the group met with Streetcare Manager. The group were informed that there were arrangements in place for recording incidents of drug related waste but the number of incidences was very low. In most cases drug related waste originated from prescription medicine although there was a mechanism in place for engaging Cumbria Police if any illegal drug material was discovered. The Streetcare Manager agreed to undertake a monitoring exercise for three months to determine whether this was a significant issue.

Presenting waste in advance of collection day

The Corporate Support Manager reported that at the meeting of this Committee in September, Members raised an issue regarding residents putting their bins out into the backstreet from one week to the next. This was being addressed as part of Streetcare's on-going enforcement activity.

Segregated Recycling

The Corporate Support Manager reported that at the last meeting, Members had raised the issue of introducing segregated recycling as opposed to comingled. Members had expressed their opinions that this should be brought in around the start of next year with a plan of action and a decision to be made as soon as possible.

Since the last meeting, the Corporate Support Manager had looked at 16 other Councils regarding their recycling and it was found that out of those 16, only one segregated their recycling. All other 15 Councils were collecting their recycling comingled with no intentions to change this in the near future.

The Corporate Support Manager also reported on various recycling figures including green waste, co-mingled waste, paper recycling and bringsites. He also informed Members about the number of bin/recycling container requests.

RESOLVED:- That the report be noted.

18 – Policy and Strategy

The Corporate Support Manager provided Members with an update of the scrutiny review into policy and performance and also circulated a copy of the Council's Plan for Member's information.

At a meeting of this Committee in May it had been agreed that a review of Policy and Strategy would take place in the current year to enable assessments to be made on how well strategies had worked over the last three years.

At a Work Group meeting, Members had reviewed the Council's Plan. Members agreed that the Council's Vision; to enhance the economic and social future of the Borough to meet the needs and aspirations of the community was appropriate.

To deliver this vision, the Council had agreed the following priorities to deliver tangible benefits to the community and address the headline issues for the Council and its staff:

- Housing
- Regeneration and Public Realm
- Local Economy
- Service Delivery

Members of the Work Group agreed that these priorities were appropriate but thought that in addition, consideration should be given to how the Council could enhance the natural environment.

Members of the Work Group considered a number of the Council's strategies and policies. They agreed that the Work Group should review the effectiveness of the Budget Strategy and assess its strengths and weaknesses.

They also requested that the Council develop additional performance indicators so that Members could monitor how the Council was performing.

The Work Group suggested that the Leader of the Council be co-opted onto the Work Group and that the Director of Resources be invited to the next meeting.

Committee Members discussed the Council Plan, and in particular, the Workforce Strategy and IT Strategy.

RESOLVED:- That the report and the Council Plan be noted.

REFERRED ITEM

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION

19 – Annual Report

The Corporate Support Manager presented the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2013/14.

The Council had one Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the remit to investigate, scrutinise, monitor, oversee and comment on service delivery mechanisms, policy implementation, or any other issue affecting the Borough or its residents provided that they had previously been considered by either the Executive Committee or Council.

Membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2013/14:

Councillors Roberts (Chairman)
Cassidy (Vice-Chairman)
Derbyshire
Hamilton
Husband
Johnston
R. McClure
Maddox
Opie
C. Thomson
M. A. Thomson
Wall

Members had previously agreed to develop a four year work programme up to March 2015 and identified topics for review. These are presented in table 1.

The Committee recognised that additional urgent items may be identified during the period and they would be considered in an appropriate timeframe.

In October, the Executive Committee requested that this Committee consider the impact of localised flooding as an additional item.

Item	Topic	Scope of the review
1	Allotments.	To review the Council's arrangements for managing tenancies and the waiting list. Ensure the allotment service is financially sustainable
2	Street cleanliness.	To review to Council's arrangements for working with the contractor to deliver a higher standard of street cleanliness. To ensure appropriate arrangements are in place to manage external factors the impact on street cleanliness e.g. seagulls and fly tipping.
3	Coastal protection.	The implementation of phase four of the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy has resulted in changes to way in which coastal defence projects are funded. The review will focus on our medium term project plan and how it will be funded.
4	Estates and asset management.	To review arrangements for maximising income from our assets and the potential for the disposal of redundant assets.
5	Town centres development and supporting local traders.	Review arrangements for supporting local traders in the current economic climate.
6	Highways and car parking	Review the provision of highways maintenance by Cumbria County Council. Review street lighting and on-street parking arrangements.
7	Economic Development, planning and development control.	Review arrangements for planning and economic development in light of the reduced funding as a result of the Governments deficit reduction programme. Ensure the Council still has appropriate arrangements in place to access development funding
8	Cultural Services	Review the impact of the Council's service review on cultural services. The review will consider events, distribution of funding and service charges.
9	Policy and strategy	Monitor the development of and performance against the council's key priorities.
10	Housing strategy	Review availability of private sector and socially housing and consider partnership arrangements to ensure that the availability of housing in the borough meets demand.
11	Localised flooding	Review arrangements to protect residents and property against local flooding.

In May 2013 Members agreed that this Committee would review Cultural Services and Asset Management in 2013/14. The Cultural Services review was completed within 2013/14 and the output is detailed below. The Asset Management Review was suspended because the department was involved in a significant restructure of services.

Cultural Services

The Scrutiny Committee established a work group to review the delivery of Cultural and Leisure Services and agreed the following Terms of Reference:-

1. Gain a clear understanding of the leisure services we provide at our three core venues;
2. Examine performance of each venue in terms of costs, income and number of users;
3. Establish what residents expect from our leisure services in terms of provision and cost; and
4. Identify areas where potential improvements in performance value for money and public satisfaction can be achieved.

Members agreed that there needed to be a forum to discuss these suggestions.

Members were aware that Management Board was developing a framework for implementing efficiency improvements to support making savings required in the budget strategy. Members welcomed this initiative as a mechanism for engaging staff in delivering improvements and reducing costs.

Members concluded that formal discussions with Senior Managers should take place to clarify the Council's strategic approach to delivering Leisure Services. Members agreed that it would be appropriate to re-establish the Cultural Services Board as a forum for these discussions. It was envisaged that the Board would provide strategic guidance based on the Members perspective.

University Hospitals Trust of Morecambe Bay

In 2013/14 the Scrutiny Committee invited representatives from the University Hospitals Trust of Morecambe Bay to attend the meeting. Philip Woodford (Deputy Director of Corporate Affairs) and Joanne Borthwick (Assistant Chief Executive Officer) attended the meeting and provided Members with a briefing regarding the improvements that were being delivered at Furness General Hospital.

Members asked a number of detailed questions relevant to the business of the meeting and requested information regarding the future of Furness General Hospital.

Philip Woodford and Joanne Borthwick responded to the questions and addressed the concerns raised.

Fairtrade Status

In 2013/14 the Scrutiny Committee, having reviewed the requirements for retaining Fairtrade status, agreed that there was continuing demand for Fairtrade products in the Borough and recommended that the Borough retain its Fairtrade Town status. This was endorsed by the Executive Committee.

RECOMMENDED:-

- (i) To note the information in the Annual Report; and
- (ii) To agree that the Chairman presents the Annual Report to full Council on 20th January, 2015.

The meeting closed at 2.16 p.m.

LEISURE SERVICES GROUP MEETING
HELD AT 10AM ON THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 2014
COMMITTEE ROOM 4

PRESENT

Councillor A Thomson
Councillor C Thomson
Councillor H Wall
Mr K Johnson
Mrs M Wilson
Mrs S Baines
Mrs A Taylforth
Ms S Skae
Mrs K Millard
Miss D Nicol
Mrs K Singleton

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor D Roberts.

2. INTRODUCTION

Introductions were made. Keith said that the group will now be called the Leisure Services Group not the Cultural Services Board and will meet 4 times per year.

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Katy Millard – Parks

Katy reported that the biggest achievement for the Parks Department this year was the installation of the play area at Farm Street with money granted from the Big Lottery. All the grant money has been used but there is a further need to develop the area with tree planting and landscaping. Applying for funding for new gates and fencing.

Park – looking at LED lighting. There are bedding schemes for WW1 around the park and delivery has been taken of two WW1 benches to go by the cenotaph. Paths and fences will be repaired with Capital Bid money towards Christmas.

Café – Further income needs to be generated. The café has been painted and there are new chairs and the menu has been increased with more variety.

A leaflet is being developed to give to visitors and children about the park and the website is being developed.

An overhaul of allotments will be taking place.

Concerts in the park are fully booked with nearly every weekend a charity event and bands, bookings are being taken for next year.

Councillor Thomson asked if there had been any boats on the park lake this year, but Katy replied that due to a leak they couldn't allow boats to sail. The leak has now been located and fixed.

Councillor Wall asked if they would be enforcing a no smoking ban at the park if this came into force. Katy replied that this would hard to enforce along with dogs not on leads and dog fouling.

Margaret Wilson – Leisure Centre

The Leisure Centre will be moving to an on-line booking system by the 1st April 2015. All activities require visits to reception to book and to pick up tickets and this will take away a lot of the traffic from reception. A new website is being developed to include twitter and facebook. The Business Improvement Team looked at Capital Bid for refurbishment of changing rooms and children's splash zone. Agreement has been made to commission market research about the Leisure Centre.

A proposal to give venue manager's more flexibility when pricing to generate more income themselves will be considered at the next Executive Committee.

Maintenance – All pool lighting has been renewed, which is more energy efficient. Floor and furniture have been replaced in the café and the sports hall has been cleaned. The pool will be closed the first two weeks in December for maintenance.

Sports Hall – No longer taking five-a-side bookings, but the soccer hall doing well. Clubs and schools maintaining usage.

NPLQ Course – 5 casual staff have been recruited.

Youth Gym – paediatric physio on site once a week.

Customer Satisfaction Survey – 77 responses from survey at reception, 28 responses from gym. Majority very satisfied.

Councillor Thomson asked what it would mean taking on own budget, Margaret said it would make things more flexible as at the moment cannot increase charges without relying on budget strategy.

Sandra Baines – The Forum

Sandra had been looking at income generation. Cannot put ticket prices up any more, but was looking at improving conferencing facilities. In order to attract more people something needed to be done with the rooms upstairs, members of BAE were invited and Councillors to look at conferencing facilities. Feed back was to update the facilities. A Capital Bid was put in for refurbishment of the Rydal and Grasmere Suites for £25,000. This has now been completed and the Forum have back to back bookings for BAE with parking on the multi storey car park. A conference brochure is also being put together.

Ellior – Catering for conferences has been very good. A new manager was appointed this week.

Statistics – 330,000 website hits and 493,000 people through the building.

Panto – There will be more performances this year of the panto which is Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. The Forum have purchased 3 bear outfits to publicise the panto.

Sabine Skae – Dock Museum

The BAE lease is about to be signed. BAE will be leasing the bottom floor of the Dock Museum. Looking again at opening hours to open more next year.

Summer has been busy. Updated loan boxes for schools, website nearly completed. Making bid for improvement grant to update shop.

More LED lighting will be installed in the Winter.

Accreditation gained this year so can now apply for grant funding.

Lifeboat in poor state as it is not covered and is outside. Looking at applying for resilience funding next year to cover boat up.

Ann Taylforth – Town Centre and Market

New publication for Furness Peninsula produced by Zest Publications. There has been a local choice magazine for the South Lakes and also one for the Bay for a long time. It goes through every door in the Borough and the Furness area of SLDC and Millom delivered by Royal Mail. All departments are working together to put a little bit of money in so we can have 4 pages in each edition from launch until end of financial year when we will review it. The October edition featured advert for market stalls/promotion of market, a double page spread about all the inward investment and opportunities coming into Borough via BAE and also some facts under a did you know section.

The November edition will advertise Housing moving into Town Hall, Christmas lights switch on events across the Borough, Christmas events in Dalton, the pantomime at the forum and the new shop front grant scheme. We also used an earlier edition to do 3 pages explaining about the new individual personal registration for electors.

Morecambe Bay Branding

Members approved £1000 towards the development of a Morecambe Bay Brand as part of our Economic Development Strategy which is endorsed by the Furness Economic Development Forum. Working with all the local authorities around the Bay, Lancashire and Cumbria CC, Cumbria Tourism and Marketing Lancashire and the private sector to develop the brand. There is new logo, and the brand guidelines are being finalised. The brand had a soft launch at the Morecambe Bay Partnership AGM earlier this month.

There is a bit more work to be done, particularly an up to date image library, and will be putting in a growth bid in the budgets for £2,500 for our contribution toward the next phase of development and roll out. Colleagues from Lancaster City Council have been taken around the Borough, showing them the Dock Museum, Furness Abbey, nature reserves, the islands of Barrow, Dalton, zoo etc. so they understand the product we have over this side of the bay. They also met with BAE who are interested in supporting the initiative.

A series of Welcome Host courses themed around not just customer service but knowledge of the Bay are planned.

Cruise ship visit P&O Adonia

P&O Adonia visited on Sunday 22nd June. She had British passengers. We worked on this visit with Associated British Ports. The visit was extremely successful. A shuttle bus service to the Town Centre and also a heritage shuttle bus to the Dock Museum and Furness Abbey was provided. The ship had a magnificent send off with music from Dalton Town Band with lots of people watching it sail from the quayside by Marine Control, and gathered at Roa Island and Piel Island. The Adonia is due to return on 19th August next year. In addition the Deutschland, which has visited Barrow twice before is also due to dock on 20th July, 2015.

Barrow Indoor Market

Capital improvement scheme

The cost of the scheme has risen by about £50,000 and is behind schedule due to issues with asbestos. It's a comprehensive scheme including new lighting, new fire detection, a new ceiling in the main hall and removal of the coloured blocks above the balcony and replacement with colour changing LED lighting. The main hall is scaffolded and stalls have been able to operate as normal whilst work is going on. Whilst we have had scaffolding in place been able to investigate the leaks from the multi-storey car park. This will be complete by 18th November ready for Christmas entertainment in that area. Other works completed include new toilet provision for traders and a new floor in the butchers hall. The final phase will be completion of the stock rooms upstairs and creation of new stalls on the ground floor. The Market office on the first floor is also being renovated, because we have had to remove the wall to access the asbestos around the beam.

Market stall availability

We currently have 7 stalls available in the main hall. Stalls have been let to 2 new businesses last week and we are getting a lot of enquiries. Barrow Society of Artists have put displays on a couple of the vacant stalls and the Forum are promoting their forthcoming programme on others.

Events

Pearl Izumi Cycle Race. The Organisers said Barrow was an excellent venue and not only were the crowds great in terms of numbers and enthusiasm, but the crew and teams had such a warm welcome from everyone in town, including in the bars and hotels.

The Walking Festival - had excellent weather and had a new walk researched and led by Rod White called Stories Behind the Stones World War 1 exploring Barrow Cemetery. We have a pack with these stories, either available from the Cemetery Office or can be downloaded on our website.

We also hosted the 2020 Vision exhibition on the Town Square in July which complimented the Walking Festival.

Heritage

Worked with Heritage Lottery Fund to host a Heritage Conference in the Town Hall on 10th June. It was a great success and the HLF were extremely pleased with our help.

A tour of the Town Hall was organised for **Heritage Open Days** on 11th September which was popular.

A staff suggestion has been put forward to consider establishing a Friends of Barrow Town Hall Group. A lot of background work has been undertaken quite a lot of background work, including discussions with the Heritage Lottery Fund who would encourage us to try and open up the building to the public on a more regular basis. An inaugural meeting has been arranged on 5th November at 2 pm in the Drawing Room.

Furness Abbey

Following discussions with English Heritage and the Furness Abbey Fellowship we have brought the scheme offering free admission to the Abbey for Barrow Council tax payers up to date. The yellow pass scheme has been abolished and residents now only have to take their Council tax demand to the Abbey visitors centre to gain admission. Events are not covered by the free pass scheme, because when the scheme was devised back in 1924 no events such as the Medieval Fair were taking place. An admission fee to special events will help sustain the cost of those events.

Christmas

Christmas lights switch on in Barrow will be 22nd November with line up of Matt Cardle winner of X Factor in 2010. Line up includes X Factor's Kingsland Road, Kittle Brucknell, Britain's Got Talent finalist Gabz, popband Everyoung, Girl Band Vanquish, Redd and Chris Atkinson. Barrow's Voce, Beth Horan, Mystical Experience and Ben Lewis will also be appearing.

Lindal tree will be switched on on 28th November, Dalton's lights on 30th November and Askam on 7th December.

We had a lot of damage to our lights last year because of weather. We are having to renew most of the lights across the front of the Town Hall because of wind damage, and also the catenary wires in Portland walk due to corrosion.

Shop Front Grant Scheme

Went to Council yesterday and formally launched today. Forms and guidance were put on the Council website this morning. Advert in Local Choice Magazine.

Barrow BID

Kolek consulting was commissioned to undertake a Feasibility Study into a Business Improvement District for Barrow. The report shows support for this and there is a report going to next week's Executive Committee on how to take this forward. We have met with major retailers, Furness Building Society and the Federation of Small Businesses and the FSB have offered to champion the Business Improvement District. It is being recommended that funds are made available to the FSB to engage Kolek Consulting to take the scheme forward.

Local Plan

Been consulted on this and many issues identified. These include:

There is no provision for parking for Motorhomes or camper vans in Barrow Town Centre due to weight limits on car parks, height restrictors and size of parking spaces.

There is no provision for Coach parking in Barrow Town Centre and limited Coach parking for main attractions e.g Dock Museum (car park sold to Premier Inn), Furness Abbey (Coach parties are a target market for tourism).

There is a lack of camping sites – no quality assessed camping site in the Borough now South End are no longer taking tents.

There is a lack of touring pitches (enquiries from contractors working at shipyard and gas terminal for pitches for their vans) as well as tourists. The zoo says they get people asking about touring pitches.

Lack of holiday/short term letting caravans – most of the sites are owner occupied.

No provision for holiday lodges in Borough

Few self catering cottages/apartments

Sites for campervans

Cycle routes and the interpretation of greenways, also maintenance of long distance footpaths e.g Cistercian Way and Cumbria Coastal Way.

Plan should mention our wet weather attractions e.g Cumbria Bowling, Cumbria Karting, Urban Extreme, Vue Cinema, Playzone, Lazerzone, Little Subs, Fuzzy Eds, Apollo Bingo and of course the Dock Museum when the weather is poor in the Lakes we get a lot of visitors.

Abbey Road entrance to Town – could this be designated a Tourist Route – would make sense coming in past Furness Abbey signage, and link it up with the Tourist Route designation for the A5087 – coast road.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		Part One (D) Agenda Item 8
Date of Meeting:	4th December, 2014	
Reporting Officer:	Corporate Support Manager	
<p>Title: Policy and Strategy</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>Provide Members with an update of the scrutiny review into policy and performance.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Members are invited to consider the information and determine how this review should be progressed.</p>		

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They also request that we develop additional performance indicators so that Members can monitor how the Council is performing.

I have arranged a meeting with the Director of resources for 5th of December to discuss this.

Background Papers

Nil.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		Part One
Date of Meeting:	4th December, 2014	(D)
Reporting Officer:	Corporate Support Apprentice	Agenda Item 9
<p>Title: Street Cleansing</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>Provide Members with an update of the scrutiny review into street cleansing.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Members are invited to consider the information and determine how this review should be progressed.</p>		

Report

Waste collection and recycling

Introduction

BIFFA waste services currently collect waste and recycling from 33,000 properties around the borough on behalf of Barrow Borough Council. The Council receives an income from the Recycling Reward Scheme and a fixed revenue value from the sale of the recycled material. This is a significant income stream for the council and is used to offset the cost of collection.

Biffa provide the council with waste data on a weekly basis which is used to claim the recycling reward from Cumbria County Council. This report shows the change in recycling income from the first half of this year (April – September) compared to the same time period in 2013-14.

The Council currently provides waste and recycling containers for the collection of waste and recycling and a comparison of the cost for these containers has also been analysed.

Executive summary

We receive recycling rewards for recycled and composted materials (£62.21). In addition to this we receive recycling revenue from BIFFA which is typically £37.35 per tonne.

In the first half of 2014-15 (April – September) the overall tonnage of green waste which has been collected has increased by 90 tonnes compared to the first half of

2013-14. This increase has resulted in an increased income of £10,000. During the same period the outgoing cost of collection, processing, and replacement containers has also rose by £10,000.

From April – September 2014-15 Kerbside comingled recycling has shown a marginal increase which has resulted in an increase in income of £6,000. However, the cost of collection and replacement containers has increased by £12,000 which outweighs the income.

The first half of this year has shown that there has been a decrease in kerbside paper collection of 90 tonnes. As a result of this decrease, there has been a reduction in income of £7,000. The loss of income is made worse because the cost of collection and replacement containers has increased by £6,000.

April – September of this year has shown that bring site collections have also decreased by 40 tonnes, which is attributable to locks being fitted to the containers. This has resulted in a loss of income of £3,000 and the collection costs rising by £1,500.

Recycling tonnages

Garden waste collections

The garden waste collection services 19,500 properties on a fortnightly basis. The cost of collection is £185k pa. The garden waste is composted to specification PAS100 at Sinkfall Farm and there is a processing cost of £20 per tonne.

In the first half of the current year 2738 tonnes of garden waste have been collected compared to 2650 tonnes in 2013/14. The recycling tonnages and the income from recycling reward are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: green waste:

	<u>2013-14 (tonnes)</u>	<u>2014-15 (tonnes)</u>	<u>2013-14 (income@ £60.4 per tonne)</u>	<u>2014-15 (income@ £62.21 per tonne)</u>
April	243	419	£14,693	£26,050
May	475	539	£28,683	£33,522
June	534	548	£32,255	£34,067
July	550	436	£33,207	£27,117
August	446	369	£26,960	£22,964
September	402	428	£24,268	£26,653
Total	2650	2738	£160,066	£170,373

The collection, processing and replacement container costs for green waste in the two periods are shown in Table 2

Table 2: cost of green waste collection, processing and replacement containers

Half year (Apr-Sep)	2013-14	2014-15
Collection costs	£92,086	£94,849
Processing costs	£53,000	£54,760
Replacement container costs	£11,982	£17,154
Total	£157,068	£166,763

Kerbside comingled collection

We collect four materials as comingled recycling from 33,000 properties every fortnight. We provide a recycling box for the collection of glass and cans, and a recycling bag for the collection of cardboard and plastic.

In the first half of the current year, 1692 tonnes of comingled recycling have been collected compared to 1677 tonnes in 2013/14. The recycling tonnages and the income from recycling reward are shown in table 3.

Table 3: Kerbside comingled

The collection and replacement container costs for the two periods are shown in

	<u>2013-14</u> <u>(tonnes)</u>	<u>2014-15</u> <u>(tonnes)</u>	<u>2013-14</u> <u>(income @</u> <u>£97.75per tonne)</u>	<u>2014-15</u> <u>(income @ £99.56</u> <u>per tonne)</u>
April	281	289	£27,468	£28,773
May	285	278	£27,859	£27,678
June	264	274	£25,806	£27,279
July	307	307	£30,009	£30,565
August	283	273	£27,663	£27,180
September	257	272	£25,122	£27,080
Total	1677	1692	£163,927	£168,555

Table 4: Cost of comingled collection and replacement containers

<u>Half year (Apr-Sep)</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
<u>Collection costs</u>	£330,334	£340,244
<u>Replacement container costs</u>	£14,096	£16,491
<u>Total</u>	£344,430	£356,735

Table 5: Kerbside paper

We collect paper recycling from 33,000 properties every fortnight. We provide a recycling box for the collection of paper.

Kerbside paper collection has decreased this year when compared to last year by 84 tonnes (15%), this is partially due to an increase in digital information, and as a result, there has been a 7% decrease in newspaper sales nationwide. The reduction in paper recycling has resulted in a £7,000 loss of income from recycling rewards.

	<u>2013-14</u> <u>(tonnes)</u>	<u>2014-15</u> <u>(tonnes)</u>	<u>2013-14</u> <u>(income@</u> <u>£97.75per tonne)</u>	<u>2014-15</u> <u>(income@ £99.56</u> <u>per tonne)</u>
April	102	89	£9971	£8861
May	89	76	£8700	£7567
June	83	75	£8113	£7467
July	95	82	£9286	£8164
August	89	67	£8700	£6671
September	88	73	£8602	£7268
Total	546	462	£53,372	£45,998

Table 6: collection and replacement container costs for Kerbside paper

<u>Half year (Apr-Sep)</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
<u>Collection costs</u>	£123,259	£126,957
<u>Replacement container costs</u>	£5458	£8004
<u>Total</u>	£128,717	£134,961

Table 7: Bring site

Comingled recycling from bring sites has decreased by 39 tonnes. This decrease is attributable to the introduction of the locks on bring site containers in July 2013, with the purpose of these being to minimize contamination of the recycling. The result of the introduction of these locks is a decrease in recycling rewards of £3,000

	<u>2013-14</u> <u>(tonnes)</u>	<u>2014-15</u> <u>(tonnes)</u>	<u>2013-14</u> <u>(income@</u> <u>£97.75per tonne)</u>	<u>2014-15</u> <u>(income@ £99.56</u> <u>per tonne)</u>
April	75	54	£7331	£5376
May	80	52	£7820	£5177
June	65	56	£6354	£5575

July	69	66	£6745	£6571
August	54	60	£5279	£5974
September	53	69	£5181	£6870
Total	396	357	£38,710	£35,543

Table 8: collection costs for Bring sites

<u>Half year (Apr-Sep)</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
<u>Collection costs</u>	£50,244	£51,751

In the same period there has been a 1% reduction in the tonnage of residual waste. This does not suggest that there is a significant increase in the weight of recycling material in the residual waste stream.

The recycling reward payments have generated £420,469 in the first 6 months of 2014-15 and still continue to be a significant income stream. The data shows that there has been a reduction in dry recycling this year; however this has been offset by this year's increase of garden waste and the inflation rise in the Recycling Reward Scheme. Nevertheless the decline in dry recycling should be addressed as the level of green waste is not always going to generate the same income as it has done this year, and is dependable on the climate conditions, and is not guaranteed.

Background Papers

Nil.