

REPORT FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER

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**PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL RECYCLING FACILITIES IN PENDLE –
PROPOSED MOBILE SERVICE**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek members support to further investigate Lancashire County Council's offer to provide a mobile recycling service in Pendle following the closure of Colne's Household Waste Recycling Centre in March 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members agree to support further investigation into the provision of a mobile recycling service in Pendle.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To progress the aims of the Lancashire Waste Strategy and increase recycling in Pendle.

ISSUES

1. In 2011, Lancashire County Council (LCC) carried out a review of the provision of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in Lancashire and proposed the closure of four centres, one of which was located in Pendle – Colne HWRC.
2. Despite Pendle Council and many residents objecting to its closure, Colne HWRC was closed by LCC in March 2012.
3. In 2013, an LCC working group was established to look at the impact of recycling facility provision across the county. One of the key recommendations of the group was to provide extra facilities for recycling household waste in Wyre and Pendle. However LCC have stated that any new service would operate on a different model to the HWRC service and would not mean reopening any recycling centres, which had previously been closed to make savings. LCC further reported that the new services offered will involve providing householders with new ways to recycle their waste.

4. As a result of this recommendation, LCC and Pendle Council have been trying to find a suitable site that could host this additional recycling facility. LCC have stated that due to financial restrictions the site must be free to lease/rent and in turn must be capable of gaining the appropriate waste/environmental permits to allow the site to operate as a recycling facility. Unfortunately, searches for land have resulted in no sites being identified as suitable.
5. LCC have therefore asked if Pendle Council would consider the option of a mobile or pop-up site. As previously indicated this service would only look to collect recyclable material and not take any household residual refuse or garden waste.
6. Information has been sought from Blackpool Council who currently operates a very successful mobile recycling service called "Rover". The service operates from a 7.5t Luton box van which visits pre-planned sites - 15 locations for 10/15mins with a 5 minute travelling to get to the next location (see leaflet attached).
7. LCC have indicated that they are willing to fund a similar service for Pendle and therefore we are seeking Member approval to go ahead with further investigation into the potential provision of this service. Further reports will be presented in due course.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: This meets with the Lancashire Waste Strategy to increase the amount of recycling in Lancashire.

Financial: No direct costs to Pendle apart from officer time in investigating the service. Further reports will be presented in due course.

Legal: None arising directly from the report.

Risk Management: None arising directly from the report.

Health and Safety: None arising directly from the report.

Sustainability: Increasing recycling would help the Council's contribution to the Lancashire Waste Management Strategy.

Community Safety: None arising directly from the report

Equality and Diversity: None arising directly from the report

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Rover leaflet

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS