AGENDA ITEM NO 20  
REPORT NO 757/11  

ANGUS COUNCIL  
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 17 NOVEMBER 2011  
HOUSEHOLD USE OF ADDITIONAL WHEELED BINS  
REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

ABSTRACT: It is recommended that the Committee agree to the Director of Neighbourhood Services’ recommendation that Angus Council’s amendment of existing policy for the allocation of additional household bins.

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

(i) agree to the Director of Neighbourhood Services’ recommendation that Angus Council’s amendment of existing policy for the allocation of additional household bins, with particular reference to very large families and those that have need to dispose of excessive medical waste.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The policy with regard to provision of additional bins was re-affirmed in 2001 at the Environmental and Consumer Protection Committee (Report No. 1047/01), allowing families of six or more permanent residents to make use of an additional wheeled bin.

2.2 Following the introduction of the Kerbside Recycling Service, this policy was again amended by the Environmental and Leisure Services Committee in 2004 (Report No. 1387/04), allowing households with five or more permanent residents (or having two or more children in nappies) using the Kerbside Recycling Service to make use of an additional bin on a loan basis.

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 A 140l bin with an easily identifiable purple lid is loaned to households that meet any of the criteria listed below. In recognition that a household’s needs can change with time, the loan is reviewed every two years and the bin retrieved if the household can no longer demonstrate a need for it that meets the criteria.

3.2 Criteria for a loan bin in Kerbside Recycling areas with alternate weekly collections:-

1. Excessive waste resulting from a medical condition;
2. There are five or more permanent residents;
3. There are two or more children in nappies.

NB The household must recycle using their green box(s) to qualify.

3.3 Criteria for a loan bin where weekly residual waste collections are in place:-

1. Excessive waste resulting from a medical condition;
2. There are six or more permanent residents.

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 In most cases, the criteria previously outlined prove sufficient to manage the provision of additional bins in terms of responding to a genuine need and also in ensuring that support is provided on a consistent basis. However, it is clear that large families with perhaps eight or more residents may require further capacity than a 140l bin can provide and thus it is proposed that the Council provide additional capacity as detailed in Table 1 below.
4.2 In addition, there are occasions where medical conditions result in excessive waste, perhaps in already large families and it is suggested that Neighbourhood Services’ Environmental Management staff assessing requests for additional bins take this into account.

4.3 For example, where a family of six living in a Kerbside Recycling area have a fully incontinent child, it is suggested that a 240l bin with a purple lid could be supplied on a loan basis.

Table 1

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5. RISKS

5.1 There is limited risk to the Council which is no greater than normal operational duties.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 It is expected that there will be only a very limited number of additional bins provided as a result of the proposed amendment to the existing policy and that these can be provided from the stock of spare bins that the Council already holds. Accordingly, there are no financial implications resulting from this report.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

8. ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN AND SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

8.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2011-2014:

- Our communities are developed in a sustainable manner;
- Our carbon footprint is reduced.

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective. An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken.

10. ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN AND SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

10.1 This report contributes to the following local outcome(s) contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2011-2014:

- Angus has a sustainable economy with good employment opportunities;
- Our communities are safe, secure and vibrant;
- Individuals are supported in their own communities with good quality services.
11. CONCLUSION

11.1 The proposed revised policy will give clearer guidance to Neighbourhood Services’ staff, thus allowing them to deal more consistently and effectively with requests received from householders for additional capacity for the disposal of waste, while also ensuring that householders continue to recycle their waste whenever possible.

12. CONSULTATION

12.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance and Head of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:-

- Environmental & Consumer Protection Committee Report No. 1047/01
- Environmental & Consumer Protection Committee Report No. 1387/04

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