

## **BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **Report of Report of Lynda Turner, Executive Member for Localism, Community & Environmental Services**

**To: Overview & Scrutiny Commission: 26 April 2012**  
**Cabinet: 8 May 2012**  
**Council: 24 May 2012**

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### **Subject: Policy for the Provision of Wheeled Bins for New Properties**

**Purpose:** To seek approval of Members to introduce a policy to charge for the provision of wheeled bins for new properties.

#### **Recommendation(s):**

That Members' endorse the introduction of a policy to charge for the provision of wheeled bins (black and green) for new properties and recommend to Council for approval.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Breckland utilises a twin wheeled bin system for the collection of household waste and recycling. The provision of new and replacement wheeled bins represents an annual cost to Breckland. In 2010/11 1776 bins were delivered costing approximately £40,000.
- 1.2 The policy to be considered is in respect of green and black wheeled bins for household/recycling waste only.
- 1.3 Section 46 of The Environmental Protection Act 1990 makes provision for a Waste Collection Authority (Breckland) to specify the type and number or containers to be used for the collection of household waste. The Environmental Protection Act 1990 does not require the Waste Collection Authority to fund the provision of wheeled bins.

## **2.0 Issues / Options**

- 2.1 The proposal is for Breckland to introduce a charging system for the provision of wheeled bins for new properties commencing 1 June 2012. As part of the Planning Application process Environmental Services will work with the developer to establish the size and quantity of wheeled bins needed for the development and will aim to recover costs at that point. Should the developer not pay for the provision of wheeled bins costs will be recovered from the new occupants.
- 2.2 Wheeled bins do not have to be purchased from the council but if obtained from an alternative source they must meet the Councils specification.

- 2.2 The introduction of a charge for the provision of wheeled bins for new properties (based on 2010/2011 figures of 876 bins to 438 properties) would generate a potential income of circa £30,000 per annum.
- 2.3 The price for the provision of wheeled bins will be as set out in the table below. The cost includes for the wheeled bin, administration and delivery costs.

Size of bin	Cost
2 x 240 litre standard bins (black/green)	£ 62
1 x 240 litre standard bin	£ 35
1 x 360 litre bin	£ 51
1 x 660 litre bin	£ 144
1 x 1100 litre bin	£ 163

- 2.4 240 litre bins will be issued as standard, any bins larger in size will only be issued following consultation and approval by the Councils Environmental Services team.
- 2.5 Charges to replace damaged or stolen wheeled bins will not be introduced at this time but members may wish to consider this in the future.
- 2.5 As part of the budget setting process the charge for the provision of wheeled bins will be reviewed annually as part of the fees and charges schedule.

### **3. Reasons for recommendations**

- 3.1 The introduction of charges for the provision of wheeled bins for new properties would enable current costs to be recovered to achieve savings in the 2012/13 base budget.
- 3.2 This type of policy is becoming more common with Councils in order to re-coup costs and to contribute to maintaining existing front line services.

## **4. IMPLICATIONS**

### **4.1 Risk**

- 4.1.1 The Risk Management questionnaire has been completed, risk has been given careful consideration and there are no significant risks identified with the information in this report.

### **5.0 Financial**

- 5.1 A proforma B is attached. A system to recover costs would need to be introduced should this policy be introduced. It is worth noting a similar process is already in place for charging for the provision of the garden waste service.

### **6.0 Legal**

- 6.1 There are no legal implications.

### **7.0 Equality and Diversity**

- 7.1 This report has no equality of diversity implications.

## **8.0 Alignment to Council Priorities**

8.1 Council priority BD.04 is to be an Entrepreneurial Council, to operate in an entrepreneurial way, to become less financially dependant on grant funding from central government and maintain downward pressure on Council Tax. Key aims of the priority applicable to this report are BD.04.03 to improve productivity and deliver value for money and BD.04.04 to develop new models of service delivery to generate sustainable efficiency savings.

## **9.0. Wards/Communities Affected**

9.1 The policy if introduced would affect all wards/communities of Breckland.

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Background papers:-

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### **Key Decision**

This is a key Decision

### **Appendices attached to this report:**

Appendix A – proforma B