

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Agenda Item No.

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## 1 PURPOSE

To update Committee on recent developments in the wheeled bin scheme,

## 2 WASTE MANAGEMENT

### Larger Green Bin Scheme

Delivery of the 240 litre wheeled bins commenced, as planned, on Monday 28 October 2013, with the main scheduled rollout completed by Friday 29 November 2013.

One of the conditions of the contract required the contractor to return to properties where there was an issue with delivery. Whilst the majority of issues were dealt with on a daily basis, it was always anticipated that the contractor would be required to provide a "mop up" service at the end of the rollout to respond to any additional issues arising, and this was concluded on Friday 6 December 2013.

Although the number of issues we are still receiving is now minimal, officers will ensure that all households that still require coverage by the scheme are given the opportunity.

The current take up rate for the larger green wheeled bin is just above 60%, much lower than anticipated. We do, however, expect an increase in demand for the larger bin during spring next year, with any requests accommodated with the remaining stock.

## 3 CULTURE & LEISURE

### 3.1 Ribblesdale Pool And Artificial Pitches

An application has been submitted to Sport England to support a scheme to resurface an area of Artificial Pitch with a 3G surface specifically suited to Football participation. There has been a growing level of demand for Football training at this site, and two of the three small-sided areas available for community use were not initially intended for Football participation. It is intended to support the total £50,000 cost of the application with 50% from the Council's capital programme. A decision as to whether the scheme has been successful is expected around next February 2014.

As the current surface identified for upgrading to 3G is in need of rejuvenation to improve the surface, there is a fall back proposal to undertake maintenance work to enable continued use of this area for Football.

### 3.2 Sports Development

The Play Areas across the Borough are being audited, and an evaluation of each facility made against the size, play value, and care and maintenance. This will ensure there is a robust evidence-base on which to determine an appropriate level of provision when dealing with new housing developments, and determine a Ribble Valley standard which

can be applied to ensure that the occupants of new houses have access to sufficient, good quality open space to meet their recreational needs.

### 3.3 Cycling And Events

The feasibility of a cycling event, which combines road and off-road cycling from Clitheroe to Gisburn Forest, is being considered. The Green Jersey bike shop in Clitheroe is proposing to organise an event that will be based upon personal challenge, rather than a Cycling competition. The support of respective landowners is being sought, and there is an opportunity to make this ride accessible to all cyclists in the long term.

On Sunday 29 December, the 10K Road Race event will be taking place, and the entry is believed to be as high as it has ever been, with in excess of 800 runners. The runners utilise the Swimming Pool, Edisford Pavilion changing room facilities, and Roefield Leisure Centre for race administration.

In 2014, the sports development officer will be assisting with the Sport Relief mile around the Castle Grounds on Sunday 23 March, and also the Clitheroe Triathlon, also based at Ribblesdale Pool on Sunday 6 April 2014.

### 3.4 Platform Gallery

Commencing from the exhibition in April 2014, a new approach is being introduced to the managing of artists and displaying of work in the Gallery.

There are currently over a hundred artists in stock in our shop, and this creates a lot of administration for the team. In order to ease the administration and enable more time to concentrate on making the gallery outstanding, it is proposed to divide the display within the shop in to four terms spread over the year.

The practicalities of this change means that the Gallery will feature 25 artists in the shop per term. At the end of the term, there will be a complete change over, where all the work from one term is returned to make space for the next 25 artists. This will mean that artists have a much larger display of work, and ensure that we can make a feature of each artist whilst still having the variety of work for which the Platform Gallery is known. It will also mean that our artists know exactly when they will need to send stock, giving plenty of time to get the work together. We will specify a date for the return of work that will be set months in advance, to give our artists time to plan. It should also facilitate the burden of stock control.

The plan is to divide the disciplines roughly into a mixture of artists according to;

Prints, Textiles, Ceramics, Glass, Wood, Metal, and Paper.

From September to January, our Christmas/Winter exhibition will still run in exactly the same way as it has before. It is intended to celebrate the year by inviting all of the best sellers to return and display again, alongside other inspiring artists, increasing the stock levels to ensure that many artists have a chance to sell their work at what is normally the busiest time of the year. All the work will be returned in January, ready to begin again with 25 artists.

The terms would be set roughly as follows

January - March	March -June	June - September	September- January
25 Artists	25 Artists	25 Artists	150 Artists (Approx.)

The planning of the exhibitions will not change, and artists will be invited to exhibit in the three themed exhibitions.

### 3.5 **Healthy Lifestyle Funding - Continuation of Contracts**

RVBC has been providing Healthy Lifestyle services for over 15 years. Since April 2013, services have been commissioned through Public Health Lancashire and East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group on a contractual basis for 12 months. There are two elements to our current contract:

- **Healthy Lifestyle service provision** - including Exercise Referral, Weight Management and Health Walks - commissioned by Public Health Lancashire (PHL)
- **Cardiac Rehabilitation** – commissioned by East Lancs Clinical Commissioning Group (ELCCG)

We have just received written notification from PHL that our contract will be extended until 31 March 2016. We are still waiting for written details, but have also had verbal confirmation that our contract with ELCCG will also be extended

This is good news, as RVBC annual contract value is just over £91,000. Contracts will be reviewed over this two year period, so we will have to rise to the challenge and prove that we can deliver a quality and efficient service within this budget if funding is to continue past April 2016

## 4 **CONCLUSION**

Any further relevant developments will be reported to Committee.

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