

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Agenda Item No. 14

meeting date: TUESDAY, 28 MAY 2019  
title: THE FUTURE OF BRING SITES  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider the future of Council bring sites in the borough.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – To sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley.
- Corporate Priorities – To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area.

## 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Following the recommendation of Community Services Committee on 4 September 2018 regarding the future of bring sites in the borough, a letter was sent to all relevant Parish Councils on 12 September 2018 requesting their views. Further to this it was reported at the 30 October committee meeting that, due to their locality and the number of households who did not have a recycling bin at home, the parishes at Chipping, Sabden, Ribchester and Downham requested that their bring sites continued.

## 3 ISSUES

3.1 Since this decision the Council have struggled with the contractor with the responsibility to collect the glass from the sites (getting the bins emptied when full and relocating some bins). This has led to fly tipping at the sites and complaints from the public. As this Council pays for the collection of the glass this situation is not sustainable.

3.2 The provider of the large Glass Recycling Domes has been notified of our intention to stop collections by the company and has been requested to remove their bins by the end of May 2019.

3.3 We then propose to locate a number of 360litre blue bins at the sites named earlier for collection of glass, cans and plastic bottles, as per the collections for properties with a recycling bin. These bins will be emptied by the refuse crews on the scheduled day for the location ie more frequent emptying than at present which should reduce the problems of excess waste being fly tipped by the bins.

3.4 The named sites are thought to be 'safe' and it is hoped the bins will remain at the location; if it occurs that bins are removed then more secure fixings will be provided.

3.5 Whilst the textiles, books and shoe collection bins are not used frequently they do not appear to cause us problems and will therefore remain at the locations as present.

#### 4. RISK ASSESSMENTS

The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – It is not expected, either from the Council's experience or the experience of neighbouring authorities that this will result in increased fly tipping. There will be a cost for the provision of the blue bins although no additional revenue costs are anticipated. The Council will save the cost of the subcontractor collection.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Environmental improvement by a reduction in fly tipping.
- Political – None.
- Reputation – Council demonstrating commitment to protection/enhancement of Ribble Valley's environment. Will result in a better managed bring site. Being emptied when full rather than emptied when the contractor is in the area.

#### 5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The four parishes that requested to keep their bring site will remain, albeit they will take a different form.
- 5.2 The Council will benefit from fewer complaints and no costs from the glass contractor.
- 5.3 This will act as a trial that may evolve as circumstances change.

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