



Report To:	Cabinet
Date:	24 th July 2024
Subject:	Pilot Community Skip Service
Purpose:	To introduce a pilot scheme for the use of community skips to help reduce fly tipping
Key Decision:	No
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Callum Butler
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Ward(s) Affected:	All
Exempt Report:	No

Summary

This report provides Members with a proposal to introduce a pilot community skip service to help to reduce fly tipping in the Borough.

Recommendations

That Cabinet approves the introduction of a six-month trial of a community skip scheme within the Borough as set out in the report.

Reasons for Recommendations

To help reduce fly tipping.

Other Options Considered

Do nothing

1. Background

- 1.1** This report considers the introduction of a community skip service to allow local residents to bring and dispose of bulky items and unwanted rubbish, closer to their homes with the aim of reducing fly tipping.

2. Report

- 2.1** It is proposed that a pilot scheme for an initial period of six months, provides two skips, one for unwanted household items and one for furniture and a separate vehicle to dispose electrical and electronic equipment, e.g. as fridges, freezers and washing machines.
- 2.2** A communications plan will be published setting out the purpose of the scheme, how skips can be used including a list of items accepted, the plan will promote the bulky waste collection service, encourage the reporting of fly tipping and will provide details of the household waste recycling centre.
- 2.3** It is suggested that a scheme would operate on Council owned land, initially at St Georges Road Car Park, PE21 8YB, to enable access for residents and to ensure the Council is compliant with environmental and waste legislation.
- 2.4** Under the proposed scheme, skips will be provided by a third party and presented each Monday throughout August 2024 and November 2024. Residents can bring unwanted items between during specific times, to be published. Skips will be brought to site in the morning and collected in the afternoon.
- 2.5** Local residents will contact the Council for an invitation to bring their unwanted household items to the collection point for disposal.
- 2.6** The sites will be managed by Council team members, controlling the waste transfer process, preventing the disposal of commercial waste and permitting household waste items of certain types. Should residents bring hazardous waste, such as oils, gas cylinders, asbestos, batteries, they will be directed to the local household waste and recycling centre.
- 2.7** Under this scheme, the sites would be monitored to assess the success of the service against its aims, and to establish any impact on other services.

3. Risk and financial implications

- 3.1** There is a risk that once skips are removed, the sites may continue to be used to bring unwanted items for disposal. This will however be monitored, and any incidents of fly tipping will be dealt with in line with Council policy.
- 3.2** The team members engaged in this service will be redeployed from existing roles throughout the trial period, this may impact household waste bin deliveries and missed bin recollections.
- 3.3** The Environment Act 2021 sets out the requirement for targets for resource efficiency and waste reduction and the requirements for segregation of waste. There is a risk

that community skips in fact encourage the disposal of unwanted household items, rather than promoting waste minimisation and reuse.

3.4 Specific waste types have to be collected and stored separately, including household waste, upholstered furniture containing Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

3.5 The financial information is set out in the Financial section below.

4. Conclusion

4.1 This scheme will enable the Council to assess its impact on reducing fly tipping in the Borough and will provide residents with an additional facility to dispose of unwanted household waste items free of charge.

Expected Benefits to the Partnership

None

Implications

South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

None

Corporate Priorities

The report supports growth and prosperity, safe and resilient communities, and the environment.

Staffing

Employees will be redeployed from undertaking existing job tasks (bin deliveries and missed collections) to deliver this service. Employees will remain on site throughout the operation of the skip service and will assist with the control, transfer and disposal of waste items.

Workforce Capacity Implications

To deliver a cost efficient service the decision has been proposed to use existing employees. This produces capacity problems in that bin deliveries and missed collections will not be carried out on the days which are used to community skips.

Constitutional and Legal Implications

Non Waste Framework Directive (NWFD) exemption (No. 4). The Environment Act 2021 and the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and RPS 223 exemption – temporary community waste collection points. Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

Data Protection

Local residents will be required to contact the Council to book a slot, personal details will be recorded and information will be held and processed in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR.

Financial

Estimate of running the service

COSTS FOR 1 MONTH	£
Employees - 8am until 3pm every Monday	479.92
Skip Hire - emptying of the skips-3 times each Monday	2,088.00
Vehicle hire (Luton van) for 4 Mondays	783.00
Fuel for hire vehicle 4 Mondays	95.15
Washing hire vehicle	5.67
Vehicle insurance	8.11
TOTAL	3,459.85
Number of quarters	2
Total exp for 24.25 -assuming service runs for 1 month each quarter for 6 months	6,919.70

Funding required (skip hire)	2	quarters
Skip Hire - emptying of the skips-3 times each Monday for 1 month (e.g. 2 household, 1 POPs)	2,088.00	1 month only
Six month charge (quarterly service)	4,176	per six months

Notes to the workings:

The employees and vehicle related costs are funded within the existing budget for 24.25, and assumes that employees will be diverted from their existing roles and not back filled. The funding required by this report relates to the skip hire only £4,176. This funding will be taken from the Council's Boston Town Centre Strategy Fund.

Risk Management

The service may inadvertently increase fly tipping incidents if the community skip sites are continuing to be used to bring waste for disposal, after the sites are closed. There is a risk that providing an additional disposal facility is acting against the principle of the Environment Act 2021, in respect to waste minimisation. When the public are made aware there is a free service to dispose of bulky waste, the bulky collection income may reduce.

Stakeholder / Consultation / Timescales

Consultation with the local Ward Councillor, the relevant Portfolio Holder and the Waste Disposal Authority.

Reputation

The intention of this report is to explore all opportunities available to the Council to tackle the significant persistent problem of fly tipping in the Borough. There is however, a slight risk that the Council's reputation will be negatively impacted, should this scheme increase fly tipping at collection sites.

Contracts

A contract will be put in place for a third party to provide skips.

Crime and Disorder

Clean and tidy public spaces have a positive impact on deterring crime and disorder.

Equality and Diversity / Human Rights / Safeguarding

None

Health and Wellbeing

None

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

The report is intended to reduce fly tipping and prevent significant environmental damage and nuisance to the community.

Links to 12 Missions in the levelling Up White Paper

None

Acronyms

None

Appendices

None

Background Papers

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

Chronological History of this Report

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.

Report Approval

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