

REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: Garry Knighton – Head of Waste and Contract Services

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TITLE:	Supplementary Services
FORWARD PLAN ITEM:	N/A
DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:	N/A
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	N/A

COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Ray Auger – Portfolio Holder from Healthy Environment
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	Recycling
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	N/A
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	N/A
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	SKDC Waste Minimisation Strategy; Report number WCS1

1. SUMMARY

The Lincolnshire County Council has withdrawn the provision of supplementary waste collection services to the residents of South Kesteven with effect from 1st January 2006. The main areas affected are the Deepings, Caythorpe, Long Bennington, Ancaster, Billingborough, Folkingham, Colsterworth, and Corby Glen.

This report sets out the provision currently provided by the district council and its future provision

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That in view of the decision taken by Lincolnshire County Council and the reasons for that decision the District Council should cease providing a supplementary service from the 1st April 2006

3. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL STANCE

The County Council's decision to cease its supplementary service for South Kesteven was to encourage residents to recycle the waste collected from this service, and hence decrease the amount sent to landfill, the decision was not based on financial reasons.

It further highlighted an issue to do with health and safety. This involves residents throwing waste into the back of a freighter. Instances have occurred where paint etc has been thrown into the freighter and then when the compaction process starts this has resulted in the paint being compressed and thrown out the back. Although no serious injury has yet occurred the potential is there for this to happen.

They have now agreed to continue with the provision at Stamford due to the fact that the location of the town is more than eight miles from a household waste recycling centre, which is the criteria they are using to determine the provision of these facilities throughout the county.

4. SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCILS CURRENT SERVICE

The District Council has for a number of years operated its own supplementary service. This is offered to villages that do not currently receive a service from the County Council. Parish Councils, via their parish clerk, approach the district council and request a freighter to visit the village. Normally villages are able to request this service once a year, however if the budget allows a second freighter can be provided. The current cost of providing this service is in the region of £12,000 per annum. About 36 villages currently benefit from this scheme.

Some parish councils who feel the provision of one or two freighters per year pay for additional freighters to be provided and this is met by the parish precept.

All waste collected via this service is sent to landfill.

5. COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND STRATEGIC RESOURCES

None.

6. COMMENTS OF CORPORATE MANAGER, DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES (MONITORING OFFICER)

None.

7. CONCLUSIONS

The reasons for the County Council withdrawing their service is based on the requirement to divert waste from landfill. The County believe that ceasing this service will require residents to seek alternative methods of disposal and it is hoped that this will lead to an increase in the use of the Household Recycling Centres. These are currently based at Grantham and Bourne.

The district council is also committed to reducing the amount of waste that is landfilled and therefore the provision of supplementary services does not support this aim.

8. CONTACT OFFICER

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