

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 6

meeting date: TUESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2018
 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

Bring sites are areas in car parks and on streets, at which local authorities or third parties, provide containers ("banks") for the public to deposit recyclable materials

3 ISSUES

3.1 There are presently 15 Council operated bring sites in the Ribble Valley:

LOCATION	GLASS	CANS	TEXTILES & SHOES	BOOKS	PAPER
NUMBER OF CONTAINERS FOR COLLECTION					
Sainsbury's, Moor Lane Clitheroe	4	1	1	1	
Mitchell Street, Clitheroe	3		1	1	
Edisford Road, Clitheroe	4		1		
North Street, Clitheroe	3	1	1	1	
Sabden Car Park	3	1		1	
Ribchester	3		1		
Spread Eagle Car Park				1	
Village Hall, Downham	3	1		1	2
Bolton-by-Bowland			1	1	
Pendleton Car Park	4			1	
Calf's Head, Worston	4				
Village Hall, Chipping	3		1		
Parker's Arms, Newton	3				
Slaidburn Car Park	4	1	1		
Monthly average weight over 7 months (tonnes)	3.4		1.5	0.2	

3.2 There are 6 bring sites that have stopped or partially stopped operating:

- Booths Clitheroe – stopped except textiles and shoes;
- Booths Longridge – stopped;
- White Bull Gisburn – stopped;
- Pendle Hotel car park;

- Rendezvous- stopped;
- Bolton By Bowland – stopped all but textiles and shoes due to fly tipping;
- there is also a privately operated site at Sainsbury's Longridge.

- 3.3 The Council have always operated the sites to promote recycling in the borough. However, since the introduction of "kerbside recycling" 97% of residents now have access to recycling at home.
- 3.4 The main problems at bring sites include: fly tipping, vandalism, illegal deposit of trade waste and 'rogue' or unauthorised banks. This is the reason why a number of the above sites have stopped operating.
- 3.5 The only reason to keep the remaining ones operating would be for visitors to the area. However, the feeling from Parish Councils who see the everyday problems is that this reason is not enough.
- 3.6 Most of our neighbouring Councils have stopped operating bring sites due to the issues in 3.4 and whilst there are still a few bring sites in their areas they are operated by the owners of the car parks they are located on, normally supermarkets.
- 3.7 The glass, textiles, shoes and books collected are taken away by third parties. The cans and paper are collected by the Council.
- 3.8 The amount of collected recycling from the bring sites is included in the Council's recycling figures. However, the amount is quite small and there is a cost to the Council for the collection of the recycling and a cost for the clean up after the collection (see attached photographs).

4. **RISK ASSESSMENTS**

The approval of this report may have the following implications:

Resources – There is a potential increase for fly tipping but this has not been borne out by our neighbouring Councils.

Technical, Environmental and Legal – None.

Political – The move may anger Parish Councils who want to continue with the scheme.

Reputation – None.

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 Agree to remove the Council operated bring sites but discuss with private car park owners the possibility of them taking the bring sites on.

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