

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 13

meeting date: TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2020
 title: UPDATE ON RECYCLING AND THE DISTRICT GRANT FUND APPLICATION
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide Members with an update on recycling rates and the District Grant Fund Application.

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 several new measures including the collection of pots, tubs and trays, staff training and enforcement, the collection of co-mingled materials (glass, cans and plastic) has increased by 34% from September to the end of October, an increase of 66 tonnes. This welcomed increase has meant a 7.6% increase in our recycling rate for Household Waste sent for Reuse, Recycling or Composting. Quarter 1 recycling rate was 30.1% which previously left Ribble Valley at the bottom of the Lancashire Authorities, however the Quarter 2 percentage is 37.6.

2.3 As reported at the January Committee our intention is to submit a bid to Lancashire County Council for a District Grant Fund of up to £20,000.

3 ISSUES

3.1 Table shows the changes in waste streams over time together with the effect on landfill.

		Q1 APRIL-JUNE	Q2 JULY-SEPT	Q3 OCT-DEC	Q4 JAN-MAR
PAPER	19/20	324	378	388	
	18/19	412	413	415	
		-21%	-9%	-7%	
GREEN	19/20	886	1219	753	
	18/19	1208	959	577	
		-27%	27%	31%	
CO-MINGLED	19/20	512	622	674	
		710	608	542	
		-28%	2%	24%	

		Q1 APRIL-JUNE	Q2 JULY-SEPT	Q3 OCT-DEC	Q4 JAN-MAR
RESIDUAL	19/20	4109	3805	3586	
	18/19	3745	3634	3828	
		10%	5%	-7%	

PERCENTAGE HH WASTE SENT FOR REUSE, RECYCLING OR COMPOSTING

18/19	36.5	33.8	29.5	26.3
19/20	30.1	37.6		

3.2 The crews have now been instructed that if the recycling side of the vehicle breaks down, as it has recently in Longridge, all the recycling bins should be left and double be collected on the next blue/green week. This enforces with the crews the importance, and with the public that we are serious, about recycling.

3.3 Following the report to January Com Committee, a grant bid to increase recycling in the Ribble Valley was submitted to LCC along with a request for £22,700 to fund this project.

This included:

- Larger blue bins for larger households.
- Recycle bins provided for schools.
- Recycle bins provided to residential homes
- Bins provided to residents who were presently on lilac sacks.

3.3 Confirmation was received on 22 January that funding of £15,600 had been agreed for the purpose of supplying recycling bins to 400 lilac sack customers who would be agreeable to the change and have the capacity to store the bins on their land.

3.4 An exercise has now been done to look at the areas of the borough where the most sack customers reside and from this where accessibility is available to be able to collect the bins presented (some areas of the borough will always remain on a sack collection system by reason of their location)

3.5 Funding is supplied up front in this financial year and a reporting schedule has been agreed to provide feedback, expected spend and outputs for the project. The agreement also includes clawback arrangements should the project not be delivered as expected, or if the spend does not take place.

3.6 The first report is expected in April, and every 2 months following, final report in December 2020, reports will be circulated to Community Committee.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – None identified.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – The update on the increased recycling and the associated reduction of waste going to landfill can only be considered as positive.

- Political – This will be welcomed by the public who genuinely want to recycle more.
- Reputation – This rise in the rate of recycling can only be good for the authority.

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Note the report.

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