The Mount Neighbourhood Recycling Centre Update
An update on the proposed consultation around the changes to be made to The Mount Neighbourhood Recycling Centre following the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee decision to remove mixed dry recycling banks from Neighbourhood Recycling Centres across the borough.

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Carshalton South and Clockhouse

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Carshalton South and Clockhouse

Chair of the Committee:
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Reasons for Lateness and Urgency:
The report is brought forward as an urgent item at the direction of the Chair as it has become apparent that there is greater community interest in the consultation referenced below. It is not possible to wait until the next meeting of the Committee as the consultation will have concluded.

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On 18 June 2015, the Environment and Neighbourhood, made the decision to remove the mixed dry recycling banks from all Neighbourhood Recycling Centres (NRC) by 30 November 2015. There will be cost savings associated with reduced flytipping in these public areas and a reduction in the number of bins supplied and needed to be emptied.

The only Neighbourhood Recycling Centre in the area covered by the Carshalton and Clockhouse Local Committee that will be affected by this decision is The Mount NRC. Local residents and their representatives requested that we consult the community before the changes are made on:
• The changes to the area that the NRC is currently sited on
• The new location for the textiles and book bank

As a result of this request it is proposed that the consultation seek views of local residents through:
• A road show in Coulsdon - either held at the Community Centre or in Coulsdon High Street
• Doorstepping houses and flats in the area immediately surrounding the NRC
• Taking views of the users of the Mount recycling bank on a Saturday and a weekday.
• If time allows, to include a request for views in the Community Newsletter
Further suggestions around how best to consult with local residents will be sought from Ward Councillors.

Results of the consultation will be shared with Ward Councillors and community representatives along with recommendations on the changes to the NRC site and the location for the textiles and book banks.

In the past, suggestions regarding installing CCTV at the site have been made. Officers have explored this. The indicative costs for an overt (visible) re-deployable camera on a 5-year support contract which includes 10 camera moves per year would be approximately £30k. It would cost approximately £200 for signage informing car park users of the CCTV surveillance to be installed.

In the meantime, we are continuing to take the following action to reduce flytipping in this location:

- Ensure our Street Cleansing Team visit The Mount NRC regularly to remove flytipping
- Trial leaving street cleansing bags in Corrigan Recreation Ground rather than near to The Mount NRC
- Take enforcement action against the people responsible for flytipping whenever we have been able to identify them
- Work with our textiles and book bank operators to increase the frequency of collection and therefore reduce the temptation to place bags of clothes on the ground near to the bin

The new site layout will be implemented based on the recommendations generated by the consultation. We aim to make changes to The Mount NRC by the end of November 2015, as committed to in the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee NRC report. However, our ability to meet this deadline will depend on the extent and results of the consultation.

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