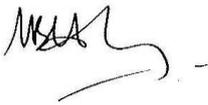




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| <b>Report to:</b>                      | Carshalton and Clockhouse Local Committee  | <b>Date:</b> | 8 December 2015                  |
| <b>Report title:</b>                   | The Mount Neighbourhood Recycling Centre - Consultation Results and Recommendations            |              |                                  |
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| <b>Ward/Areas affected:</b>            | Carshalton South and Clockhouse  |              |                                  |
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| <b>Signed:</b>                         |              |              | <b>Date:</b><br>26 November 2015 |

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report proposes changes to The Mount Neighbourhood Recycling Centre (NRC) as a result of the consultation with the local community.

## 2. Recommendation

That the Carshalton and Clockhouse Local Committee:

- 2.1 Agree to locate the recycling banks for textiles, shoes, books, DVDs and CDs and implement the new site layout at the Mount NRC, in accordance with the recommendations from the results of the consultation detailed at Appendix A.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. On 18 June 2015, the Environment and Neighbourhood, made the decision to remove the mixed dry recycling banks from all NRCs. There will be cost savings associated with reduced flytipping in these public areas, contaminated recycling being sent to landfill and a reduction in the number of bins supplied and needed to be emptied.
- 3.2. The Mount NRC is the only recycling centre in the Carshalton and Clockhouse area that will be affected by these changes.
- 3.3. The recycling banks for textiles, shoes, books, DVDs and CDs will be kept for local community use as these items cannot be recycled from home.
- 3.4. Local residents and their representatives requested that we consult the community before the changes are made to:
- The changes to the area that the NRC is currently sited on
  - The new location for the banks for textiles, shoes, books, DVDs and CDs
  - The recycling provision for Sutton Housing Partnership residents



- 3.5 The new site layout and the location of the textiles and book banks will be implemented based on the recommendations generated by this consultation detailed in Appendix A.
- 3.6 At the Local Committee meeting on 13 October 2015, it was agreed that the results and the recommendations of the consultation on the changes at The Mount NRC would be presented at this meeting.

#### **4 Issues**

##### Consultation

- 4.1 The consultation on the changes at The Mount NRC took place between 16 and 28 November 2015. Views of residents were sought through:
- Questionnaires at the community centre
  - Questionnaires sent to Community Representatives and Ward Councillors
  - Talking to residents within 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
- 4.2 A number of locations were considered for the banks for textiles, shoes, books, DVDs and CDs including retaining them at their current location. .
- 4.3 The options put forward for the new site layout included paving, a grass verge and an area for community planting.
- 4.4 The results and recommendations from the consultation are summarised in Appendix A.

##### Clockhouse Recycling Provision

- 4.5 One of the concerns raised about removing this NRC, is that residents in Clockhouse do not have sufficient facilities for recycling.
- 4.6 The Council provide a green recycling bin and recycling collection for mixed dry recyclables to all houses within Clockhouse. We will incorporate into the communication of any changes, how residents can order an additional or larger recycling bin.
- 4.7 The Council offer all blocks of flats communal recycling bins and work with managing agents and residents associations to encourage them to take up this offer. Flats above shops are offered green bins where there is space and recycling sacks when there is no space available.
- 4.8 There are two blocks of Sutton Housing Partnership flats in Clockhouse that have not historically been provided with a recycling service:
- Hillcrest Parade
  - 1-23 The Mount
- 4.9 We have been working closely with Sutton Housing Partnership to ensure that the residents at the above locations have access to a flats recycling collection service. For example, two recycling bins have been placed in the communal bin store at Hillcrest Parade for mixed dry recycling.
- 4.10 The mixed dry recycling bins at the Mount NRC will not be removed until recycling facilities are installed at the blocks of flats above.



## 5 Conclusion

- 5.1 The new site layout and the location of the textiles and book banks will be implemented based on the recommendations generated by the consultation and can be found at Appendix A.
- 5.2 Removal of the mixed recycling bins and relocation of the banks for materials that cannot be recycled at the Mount NRC will take place in January 2016 alongside a comprehensive communications campaign.
- 5.3 Antisocial behaviour will continue to be monitored after changes are made to the site.
- 5.4 Recycling facilities will be provided for the Sutton Housing Partnership residents in Clockhouse before the mixed dry recycling bins are removed.

## 6 Impacts and Implications

### Financial

- 6.1 The cost associated with communicating the changes made to residents near to The Mount NRC is estimated to be £500. The removal of the mixed dry recycling banks and the relocation of the banks for textiles, shoes, books, DCDs and CDs will not incur any costs.
- 6.2 The costs associated with the new site layout depend on the consultation outcome. It will cost approximately £1,500 to reinstate the grass verge or to plant the area. The cost associated with returning the area back to pavement will depend on the amount of resurfacing that would be needed but would be no more than £1,500.
- 6.3 The costs associated with making changes to The Mount NRC will be contained within the Waste Management budget.
- 6.4 There will be cost savings associated with reduced flytipping.

### Legal

- 6.5 None

### Communities

- 6.6 Although the communities near to The Mount NRC would lose a local recycling facility additional recycling capacity (extra or larger bins) will be provided to Sutton Housing Partnership properties. We would also provide residents in houses with information about how they can request additional recycling bins.
- 6.7 The communities that use The Mount are likely to see a reduction of flytipping and an improvement in the appearance of the car park.

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- 6.8 It is unlikely that there would be any impact on the recycling rate through removing the mixed dry recycling banks as long as residents near to The Mount NRC are provided with the capacity they require enabling them to recycle these materials from their homes.

### Integrated Impact Assessment

- 6.9 An integrated impact assessment was completed for the removal of the mixed dry recycling banks from all of the Neighbourhood Recycling Centres. It concludes that group affected by the removal of mixed dry recycling is that of residents that do not have any or enough recycling facilities at home. Mitigation measures will be put in place to provide recycling bins to those that do not have recycling facilities at home and increase the number of bins where capacity is lower than required.



**7 Appendices and Background Documents**

| <b>Appendix Letter</b> | <b>Title</b>                              |
|------------------------|---|
| A                      | The Mount NRC Results and Recommendations |

| <b>Background Documents</b>  |
|------------------------------|
| Integrated Impact Assessment |

| <b>Audit Trail</b>                      |                        |                            |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Version                                 | Final                  | Date: 26 November 2015     |
| <b>Consultation with other officers</b> |                        |                            |
| <b>Officer</b>                          | <b>Comments Sought</b> | <b>Comments checked by</b> |
| Finance                                 | Yes                    | Peter May                  |
| Legal                                   | No                     | n/a                        |