

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting Decision

Tracey Stone, Project Manager Cleansing and Open Spaces

Officer Making the Decision

Matthew Bradford, Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces

Recommendation

To approve the disposal of the assets listed below;

- 53 steel skips (previously used as bottle banks).
- 22 plastic containers (previously used as can banks).

Reason

The assets are now redundant as the Council owned recycling bring sites across the Borough have been removed.

Authority for Decision

Section 8.3 of the Constitution gives delegated authority to Heads of Service to dispose of surplus or obsolete vehicles, plant, apparatus, furniture, office or other equipment or books in accordance with approved procedures (Point 4 page 8-15)

Decision and Date

APPROVED .



MAT BRADFORD - HEAD OF CLEANSING AND OPEN SPACES
3.1.2019.

Background

On the 14th June 2018 the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces made the decision via Delegated Powers to remove the Council owned and maintained recycling bring sites across the Borough. The decision to remove the recycling bring sites was made in an effort to make savings via the existing Environmental Services Contract, to offset a loss of income incurred after the implementation of the Recycling Credits Direction Notice received from LCC in May this year.

53 steel bottle banks and 22 can banks were located on the former recycling bring sites. Since the removal of the recycling banks in late September the banks have been in storage at Limehurst Depot.

Due to the poor condition of a number of the banks it is proposed that the 53 steel skips formally used as bottle banks are sold for scrap, and the 22 plastic banks formally used as can banks are sent to landfill.

It is believed the banks have been in the ownership of the Council for over 20 years, and there is anecdotal evidence from a former Charnwood employee who was responsible for purchasing the bottle banks on behalf of the Council as far back as 1995, the same individual also recalls also purchasing the can banks around 2004 after securing funding from DEFRA for upgrading the recycling centres. However Officers have checked with Asset Management, Legal Services and Finance and no current or historic records of the purchase or leasing of the banks can be located.

The Council has maintained all of the banks over the course of 20 years at its own cost.

Officers have been out to the market and found that the steel skips could be sold for scrap at circa £140 per tonne.

Financial Implications

The sale of the steel skips (bottle banks) for scrap could achieve a minimum income of approx. £4,000.

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
A third party may come forward and claim ownership of the banks.	Unlikely	Minor	Costs of new banks have been gathered from the market. Funds could be put aside from the sale of the bottle banks to compensate anyone who can prove ownership if required. The banks have been removed from the sites for over 2 months and to date no complaints or

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			ownership enquiries have been received.

Key Decision:

No

Background Papers:

None

