

 Executive – 2nd March		Agenda Item No. 21B
Title	Update on textile recycling	
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Service Area	Neighbourhood Services	
Wards of the District directly affected	All	
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Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	Executive March 2010 - minute (186(d)	
Background Papers		

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	No

Officer/Councillor Approval		
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Officer Approval	Date	Name
Relevant Director	1 st Feb	Andrew Jones
Chief Executive	2 nd Feb	Chris Elliott
CMT	2 nd Feb	
Section 151 Officer	1 st Feb	Mike Snow
Legal		
Finance	1 st Feb	Mike Snow
Portfolio Holder(s)	1 st Feb	Councillor Shilton
Consultation Undertaken		
Please insert details of any consultation undertaken with regard to this report.		
Final Decision?	YES	
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 A report outlining proposals to double the tonnage of recycled textiles collected in 2010/11 compared to 2009/10 and to share the extra income earned with a charity was considered by the Executive in 2010.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the Executive notes the increase in textile recycling tonnage of 94% and the additional income earned by WDC as a result of that work.
- 2.2 That the Executive agrees that the current arrangement to share any increase in recycling income from textiles in 2011/12 be continued. The charity to be supported in May 2011 should be determined in the same way as 2010 namely by the Head of Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder of Neighbourhood Services and the Chairman of the Council.

3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 During the first nine months of the year some 61.94 tonnes have been collected compared to 42.5 tonne collected during the whole of 2009/10. If this level of recycling is maintained for the rest of 2010/11 then we will collect 82.5 tonnes which represents a 94% increase in textile recycling on 2009/10.
- 3.2 If the current recycling trend for textiles continues then the donation made to Myton Hospice at the end of the financial year would be just under £600. The figure of 82.5 tonne will form the base figure for 2011/12.
- 3.3 The recommendations in the report were agreed and in May 2010 it was agreed that Myton Hospice be the charity to benefit from the increase in income during 2010/11.
- 3.3 The report in 2010 requested officers to update the Executive on the success of the textile recycling scheme and make proposals for 2011/12.

4. **ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 To reduce the resources required to develop the textile recycling scheme and halt the donation to local charities. This was discounted as further opportunities exist for the textile recycling scheme to be developed further which would benefit local charities with little need for additional input from officers.

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 The council and our waste contractor sell the textiles that are collected as part of red box scheme operated across the District. The commodity price for textile recycling has remained constant at £300 per tonne for the first 9 months of this financial year which is in line with the value received in 2009/10.
- 5.2 During the first nine months of 2010/11 the total tonnage of textile recycling collected was 61.94. The total tonnage collected in 2009/10 was just over 42.5. This represents a 45% increase on 2009/10. If this level of recycling continues in 2010/11 then the total tonnage collected will be 82.5 which would represent a 94% increase on 2009/10.

- 5.5 WDC and SITA share the increase in recycling income 50/50. The council expects to be able to make a charitable donation of £600 to Myton Hospice in May 2011.

6. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 6.1 The scheme meets the strategy of increasing recycling rates across the District.

7. **BACKGROUND**

- 7.1 The linking of the textile recycling scheme to a local charity was introduced to try and increase the level of textile recycling generated via the red box scheme.
- 7.2 The District experiences a high level of door to door textile collections many of which do not relate to local charities. The idea of encouraging residents to use our normal red box scheme was to ensure the income was benefiting local charities.
- 7.3 Myton Hospice was chosen as the local charity and officers have worked with the charity to drive up recycling levels. See details of the campaign in Appendix 1.
- 7.4 Whilst the % increase is likely to see a doubling of the textile tonnage going for recycling this is still a small level of the potential textiles we might expect to receive. The lower level we receive is most likely due to the high level of door to door textile collections organised across the district but the basics are in place to develop the scheme further with little additional input from officers who will be concentrating on developing other areas of recycling.