ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS CABINET BOARD

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF STREETCARE – M.ROBERTS

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SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

WASTE STRATEGY UPDATE

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to review and take decisions in relation to the delivery of waste services.

Background

This is the latest in a series of reports concerning the Council's Waste Strategy and associated actions, the most recent being the report to Environment and Highways Scrutiny Committee of 18th December 2014.

This report considers issues relating to the following service aspects:

- Implications of recent changes to the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 With Respect to the Separate Collection of Certain Waste Materials
- Bring Sites
- Extension of the Pwllfawatkin HWRC Contract
- Opening Hours at all Household Waste and Recycling Centres
- Sale of Compost Bins
- Progress With Roll Out of 140 litre Wheeled Bins
- Progress With Recycle+ Roll Out, Next Steps and Funding
- Missed Collections, Collection Days and Route Optimisation
- Performance of Marketing and Engagement Plan
- Proposed Review of Side Waste Policy and the Needs of Larger Families
- Participation Survey
- Waste Composition Analysis
- Trade Waste Fees and Charges for 2015/16
- Strategic Waste Reserve

- Former Giant's Grave Landfill Site
- MREC Project Progress

As a result of actions to date taken under the Council's Waste Strategy, performance in Neath Port Talbot as measured by the national combined reuse, recycling and composting indicator has increased significantly, with current performance now standing at 58.61% for the nine months April to December 2014, and the Council being well on target to achieve Welsh Government's next statutory target of 58% by the end of March 2016. These service improvements do however come at a cost, which combined with reduction in levels of Sustainable Waste Management Grant, means all aspects of service delivery need to be kept under review.

<u>Implications of Recent Changes to the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations</u> 2011 With Respect to the Separate Collection of Certain Wastes

Changes in the above regulations came into effect on 1st January 2015 which, in line with European requirements, are intended to promote high quality recycling. Specifically, the regulation changes require collection authorities to establish separate collections for paper, metal, plastic and glass where Technically, Environmentally and Economically Practicable to do so (commonly referred to as where 'TEEP' to do so). Alongside these new regulations, Welsh Government has published guidance on 'TEEP' assessment. Whilst there effectively exists some flexibility on what can be done, for example where practical and other constraints may mean that two or more of the materials need be collected together, guidance makes it clear that the mixing of glass with other materials would not be considered acceptable due to its tendency to shatter and contaminate other recyclates. On the other hand the guidance indicates that co-collection of plastic and metals which are readily separated is considered acceptable.

Given the range of materials collected by the Council at the kerbside, and given that without moving to additional vehicles there are practically only so many compartments that can sensibly be provided in collection vehicles, it is therefore proposed to change current collections such that glass and cans are no longer collected together but plastics and metal cans are co-collected instead.

Essentially the Council is currently moving towards two basic service standards across the County Borough which, incorporating the proposed change, will look as follows:

Fortnightly black bag refuse service in areas of difficult access (circa 12% of County Borough) with fortnightly bagged plastic/cans collection, plus weekly bagged collection of other recyclables, green waste and food waste (with extra

vehicle support where necessary for additional green waste during the growing season);

and,

Fortnightly wheeled bin refuse service with fortnightly green waste collection, and weekly Recycle + collection service.

Collecting glass separately, and in the main delivering loose rather than bagged materials for bulking and sale to reprocessors, will help maximise future income from recyclates.

'Bring' Sites (i.e. use of recycling banks)

10 years ago when Councils started to invest in recycling, 'bring' recycling sites played an important role in providing outlets where residents could take their recyclable materials. These bring sites simply consisted of a row of banks, typically in car parks, where people could take a range of recyclable material. These sites have however been prone to certain issues such as littering and arson, and over the years the number has reduced.

With the introduction and development of the kerbside recycling service, which is offered across the County Borough; the use of the recycling banks has now reduced dramatically and the tonnages collected in comparison to that of the kerbside scheme are negligible. Furthermore, with the comprehensive provision of kerbside and trade waste recycling services their importance has reduced to such an extent that continued relevance need be questioned. In 2013/14 of the 18,405 tonnes of recycled waste, only 47 tonnes was collected via the recycling banks.

It is therefore proposed that the use of bring sites is discontinued as they no longer represent value for money, freeing up the net £12,300 identified in the budget for 'bottle banks' to be reinvested elsewhere in the waste budget. As a result the remaining recycling banks at Millands Road Neath, St. Mary's Car Park Port Talbot, and Darren Road, Ystalyfera would be removed.

Extension of the Pwllfawatkin HWRC Contract

The Household Waste and Recycling Centre at Pwllfawatkin deals annually with some 2,700 tonnes of domestic waste of which approximately 67% is recycled. The site is owned and operated by FCC Environment who also own and operate the adjoining landfill site. Following a report to the Environment and Highways Board in March 2012 the contract with FCC (at the time called Waste Recycling Group) was extended for three years until the 31st March 2015,

and there is now a need to consider a further extension of the contract from the 1st April 2015.

As the Pwllfawatkin site is privately owned and operated, only FCC can offer the amenity site services provided and a more cost effective option does not currently exist.

The total cost for the provision of the HWRC in Pwllfawatkin for financial year 2013/14 was some £337,000, with the projected outturn for the current year being circa £355,000, the increased cost being in the main due to landfill tax and inflation. A similar cost is anticipated for 2015/16.

The management of the Council's other two facilities at Briton Ferry and Cymmer are contracted out which is used to benchmark the costs at Pwllfawatkin and ensure value for money. As a consequence it is recommended that, further to Contract Standing Orders 2.1(5) and 3(x), a further single negotiated tender is accepted to extend the contract with FCC for two years from 1st April 2015, with an option to extend for an additional one year to ensure that a service can continue to be provided in the North Western side of the County Borough.

Amendment of Opening Hours at all Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

The Council's HWRCs currently have extended opening hours as follows:-

Briton Ferry and Cymmer

1st April to 31st October – 8.00am to 8.00pm 1st November to 31st March – 8.00am to 5.30pm Open 7 days a week, with the exception of Christmas day

Pwllfawatkin

1st May to 30th September – 9.00am to 7.00pm 1st October to 30th April – 9.00am to 5.00pm Open 7 days a week, with the exception of Christmas day

One issue is that opening hours have been cut back in adjoining areas and the question arises whether to similarly cut back provision in Neath Port Talbot as part of containing pressures in the waste budget. This has been considered and proposed revised opening hours are as follows:

Briton Ferry

8.30am to **5.00pm** 7 days a week for 12 months of the year

Pwllfawatkin

9.00am to **5.00pm** 7 days a week for 12 months of the year

Cymmer

11.00am to 5.00pm 7 days a week for 12 months of the year

The opening hours for the Cymmer HWRC are reduced in the morning as well as the evening as the site is very small in comparison to the other facilities (during a one year period the Cymmer site deals with same amount of waste as the Briton Ferry site deals with every two weeks).

All sites would be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

This would realise savings of some £35,000 in year 1 increased to circa £41,000 per year thereafter. This does not account for any savings associated with waste being 'attracted' to the facility when it is open and facilities in neighbouring areas are closed.

Sale of Compost Bins

Subsidised compost bins have been offered for sale by the Council to residents of Neath Port Talbot over recent years as a means of promoting home composting.

Many compost bins are now in circulation and, in the context of the Council's financial pressures, for the service provision to be sustainable it is necessary to remove the subsidy and to now sell the compost bins at cost price. This would realise an estimated saving of £1,000 per annum for reinvestment elsewhere in the waste service. The table below gives a comparison of the current subsidised cost of a compost bin and the proposed cost in 2015/16 (equivalent to the cost price rounded up to the nearest pound)

Compost bin (size in litres)	Current subsidised price (per bin)	Current cost price (per bin)
330 litres	£6.00	£14.00
220 litres	£5.00	£13.00

It is further proposed that when the existing stock of compost bins are exhausted the Council cease to provide them, which are readily available in commercial outlets, to save all the associated administration.

Progress With Roll Out of 140 ltr Wheeled Bins

The final phase of wheeled bin replacement is ongoing and is programmed to be completed by the beginning of May 2015.

<u>Progress With Recycle + Roll Out, Next Steps and Funding</u>

Six kerb-sort vehicles are now in service and a further vehicle is due for delivery shortly. This new vehicle has a larger cardboard bay and as part of rolling out additional properties with this vehicle, final trials of collection receptacles are proposed taking on board feedback from members of the public and the collection crews.

Members will no doubt be aware of some complaints regarding the suitability of the large split white recycling bags used in the pilot rounds, and in the last report to members of the Environment and Highways Scrutiny Board it was highlighted that it was not intended that the use of the 180ltr split sack would form part of the final service configuration. Furthermore, it has since been identified that smaller bags or receptacles could speed up vehicle loading.

The Council recently received notification from Welsh Government that approximately 10,000 stackable kerbside recycling box units could be made available to the Council free of charge under the Collaborative Change Programme (CCP), which equates to a value of some £300,000 should the Council have purchased a similar number.

It is therefore proposed to undertake a trial using these stackable kerbside box units, as being used in Conwy, as well as trialling the use of two (or more) 80ltr bags in place of the current 180ltr bag. The stackable units are made up of three recycling boxes which means that the white recycling bag can be replaced whilst keeping the remaining service unchanged as the other two boxes in the stackable unit are of similar size and shape to that of the boxes currently in use (residents will also receive the usual containers for food and garden waste). These trials will feed into identification of the final service configuration for use across the County Borough.

In addition to the above, an application has been made under the Collaborative Change Programme (CCP) for grant funding towards the purchase of additional kerbside sort recycling vehicles, and funding of £804K from Welsh Government has been confirmed. This will provide monies for 7 of the further 13 vehicles required to complete the roll out. Funding for the balance of vehicles will be considered as part of producing a long term cost model associated with achieving the longer term recycling and composting targets, to be produced on completion of the MREC project later in the year.

Missed Collections, Route Optimisation and Collection Days

The latest figures for missed collections for waste and recycling services are given below:

In the 14 weeks from 1st November 2014 to 10th February 2015 the Council has undertaken in excess of <u>1.3 million</u> collections of refuse and recycling from the 64,000 households in the County Borough. Of these, in the context of the changes that have been implemented recently, the Council has been contacted concerning the following missed collections:

Recycling	598
Recycling (whole street)	204
Recycling (pull out)	48
Refuse	351
Refuse (whole street)	73
Refuse (pull out)	45
Refuse and Recycling	52
Refuse and Recycling (whole street)	46
Refuse and Recycling (pull out)	19
Hygiene	22

[It is noted that there is some potential for duplication of missed collections should more than one resident report a missed collection for the same street. In order to prevent multiple calls being reported for the same street, the Council's IT department are in the process of developing a caller identification system so that only one missed collection is recorded in instances where the whole street has not been collected.]

Setting aside the recent one-off short term issues caused by refuse collection and staff changes under the Forward Financial Plan along with the normal Christmas time pressures, an imbalance in the volume of work throughout the working week has arisen due to uneven growth in recycling expansion across the county borough. Whilst the service has always tried to maintain the collection days for households there is now a need to move the collection days for some households to re-balance the workload during the week. This will be done in conjunction with route optimisation to maximise collection and resource efficiency under the ongoing 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' priority programme. The Council's IT section is currently completing modifications to a proprietary route optimisation system to meet the services needs and the round reviews will then be completed for both refuse and recycling. Resultant efficiency improvements will improve service reliability and reduce costs.

Ward Members will be kept informed where it is identified that changes in collection days need to take place.

Performance of Marketing and Engagement Plan

A year ago Members approved funding of £200,000 from the Strategic Reserve to cover a two year Marketing and Engagement Plan, subject to a review after 12 months.

Two members of staff were appointed in April 2014 who had previously been at risk of redundancy. Since their appointment, the Officers have engaged with both members of the public and local Schools in order to increase recycling participation levels amongst residents and businesses.

In the first year, officers have:

- Engaged with approximately 41,000 residents across the County Borough by various means,
- Organised and attended 15 road shows during the first phase of the Recycle + roll out,
- Organised and attended 8 'Full House Recycling' road shows, in partnership with Waste Awareness Wales (WAW),
- Attended over 44 community based club and society events,
- Visited 30 schools and given lessons to approximately 2,500 pupils,
- Allocated and coordinated £10,000 of Tidy Towns Grant to promote recycling through 24 randomly selected schools engaging 4,300 pupils (in both Welsh and English languages),
- Organised 3 supervised tours of the Briton Ferry Recycling Centre,
- Engaged with residents via Facebook and Twitter (in line with the Council's Social Media Policy),

The programme has been demonstrating its merit and it is therefore proposed to continue with the engagement plan to April 2016 as originally envisaged.

Member Enquiry Group to Review Side Waste Policy and the Needs of Larger Families

As part of ensuring that the Council continues to meet the increasingly challenging Welsh Government statutory recycling and composting targets, and to consider in detail concerns raised by Members of the Environment and Highways Scrutiny Board concerning larger families, it has been proposed to have a Member Enquiry Group to look at policy in relation to 'side waste' and larger families. It is proposed that the group will meet on three occasions re:

information discovery, a half day workshop to look at options, and a session to agree recommendations.

It is proposed the enquiry group will be arranged and completed before the summer recess and the composition of the group will be drawn from the Environment & Highways Scrutiny Board.

Participation Survey

During December 2013 the Council carried out a comprehensive Borough wide survey to establish how many of the residents are participating in the Council's kerbside recycling service. The results from this survey indicated an average participation rate of 71.5% across the County Borough, up from 62% on the previous sample survey. Another comprehensive survey has just been completed and participation has now increased further to 80.5%. A ward breakdown is given in Appendix A and the results will be used to target future awareness raising etc. The following points are noted:

- 1. Participation in one Ward has decreased (i.e. Gwynfi, -6%) and Officers will work with the Local Member to understand and address the reasons for the reduction. It is noted however it is possible there could have been an issue with the previous base data.
- 2. The area with the biggest increase is Pelenna (+21%) where smaller bins have been introduced along with complete coverage by the new Recycling+service.
- 3. Participation has gone up by 16% in Aberdulais, where the smaller bins have been introduced but Recycling+ has yet to follow.

Waste Composition Analysis

Between 9th February and the 20th February 2015 waste composition analysis is being conducted in the County Borough, funded by Welsh Government, undertaken by Consultant M.E.L Research. As such the resultant data will be available for use by other authorities in Wales who share similar socio and demographic characteristics.

Previous analysis was undertaken via Waste Resources Action Programme (WRAP) as part of a national waste analysis in 2009, however since then many developments have taken place in the waste and recycling collection service within the County Borough (alongside the increase in recycling from 34% in 2009/10 to current levels of circa 58%).

The outcome of the latest survey will provide valuable data to feed into further development of the Council's waste strategy, as progress continues towards achievement of the long term statutory national recycling/composting target of 70%.

Trade Waste Fees and Charges for 2015/16

Under Delegated Powers approved by Council as part of adopting the budget, the trade waste charges for 2015/16 are being increased from 1st April 2015. To cover increased costs and encourage recycling, residual waste charges are being increased by 7% whilst recycling charges are being maintained at the 2014/15 level. Details are included as Appendix B.

Strategic Waste Reserve

As approved by Members of the Highways and Environment Board Report of July 2014, funds from the Council's Strategic Waste Reserve have been used to support implementation of the Waste Strategy, and remaining funds are currently ear-marked as shown in Appendix C.

Former Giant's Grave Landfill Site, Briton Ferry

The Giant's Grave landfill site in Briton Ferry is owned by the Council and is leased to and managed by Neath Port Talbot Waste Management Limited, the Council's LAWDaC. In January 2015 the Directors of the Company informed the Council that it is their intention to surrender the Environmental Permit issued by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) for the use of Giant's Grave as a landfill site. The surrender of the permit will realise annual savings of approximately £20,000 per annum.

Although closed, the site remains under the regulatory control of NRW, which will remain the case throughout the aftercare phase, and the company is currently in discussions with NRW regarding a review of the original waste management licence to reflect the cessation of landfill operations. As with the planning permission for use of the site for landfill purposes which has lapsed, on surrender of the Environmental Permit any future activity would require reapplication under latest standards.

Given the financial and planning considerations it is proposed that NPTWML's intended surrender of the Environmental Permit is endorsed.

Materials Recovery and Energy Centre (MREC) Project Update

In March 2014 the Council commenced a procurement process for the management of waste disposal services at the MREC in Crymlyn Burrows. Consequently, four potential bidders for the new Contract have been short listed

for an invitation to tender; namely Viridor Waste Management, FCC Environmental Services, Biffa Waste Services and Cory Environmental Services.

The detailed Invitation To Tender is currently being finalised and it is expected the documents will be issued shortly. A detailed timetable will be confirmed once the remaining legal/tax issues are resolved with the current operator of the MREC, Neath Port Talbot Recycling Ltd.

Appendices

Appendix A – Participation Survey

Appendix B – Trade Refuse Annual Charges

Appendix C – Earmarked commitments against the Strategic Waste Reserve

Financial Implications

See relevant sections within report.

Sustainability Appraisal

The continuing development of waste services has a positive impact in relation to Environment and Sustainable Development.

Recommendations:

As per the proposals detailed in the report it is recommended that:

- 1. The proposed changes to the collection of recycling materials i.e. the separate collection of glass and associated changes, as detailed in the report are endorsed;
- 2. The Council dispenses with the use of bring Sites as proposed.
- 3. Further to Contract Standing Orders 2.1(5) and 3(x), a further single negotiated tender is accepted from FCC to extend the HWRC contract and service provision at the Pwllfawatkin site for two years from 1st April 2015, with an option to extend for an additional one year.
- 4. The Briton Ferry, Cymmer and Pwllfawatkin HWRC opening times are amended as detailed in the report.
- 5. The current Council subsidy on the sale of compost bins is removed and that bins are offered to the public at cost price, rounded up to the nearest

- pound until the current stock of bins is exhausted when they will cease to be supplied.
- 6. The current position regarding the roll out of 140ltr bins and Recycle+ are noted, and that the proposed further collection trials, round reviews and route optimisation are endorsed;
- 7. The Marketing and Engagement Plan is continued for a second year as originally planned, and that the Recycling Officer and Assistant Recycling Officer posts are extended accordingly;
- 8. The proposed Member Enquiry Group to consider 'side waste' policy and the needs of larger families is endorsed, as detailed in the report.
- 9. The position concerning the latest participation survey, ongoing waste composition analysis, and Trade Waste Charges for 2015/16 is noted;
- 10. Commitments against the remaining funds in the Strategic Waste Reserve are noted.
- 11.NPTWML's proposed surrender of the Environmental Permit for the former Giants Grave Landfill Site is endorsed; and,
- 12. Progress with the MREC Project is noted.

Reason for Proposed Decisions

To enable the Authority to discharge its responsibility as a Waste Disposal and Waste Collection Authority and to meet budget requirements.

List of Background Papers

E & H Report – Waste Strategy Progress Update report, December 2014

E & H Report – Waste Strategy Progress Update report, July 2014

E & H Report – Extension of the Contract for the Household Waste and Recycling Centre at Pwllfawatkin Waste Management Facility, Pontardawe, March 2012

Welsh Government - Statutory Guidance on the Separate Collection of Waste Paper, Metal, Plastic and Glass, as prescribed by the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 (as amended)

$\frac{\textbf{Wards Affected}}{\textbf{All}}$

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

WASTE STRATEGY UPDATE

(a) Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after a three-day call-in period.

(b) Sustainability Appraisal

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity

Education & Lifelong Learning

Better Health & Wellbeing

Environment & Transport

Crime & Disorder

No Impact

Positive Impact

No Impact

No Impact

Positive Impact

Other Impacts

Welsh Language

Sustainable Development

Equalities

Social Inclusion

No Impact

No Impact

No Impact

No Impact

(c) Consultation

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Appendix A

			Appendix
WARD	PERCENTAGE 13/14	PERCENTAGE 14/15	DIFFERENCE + or-
GWYNFI	71	65	-6
CADOXTON	84	86	2
GCG	72	75	3
BRYNCOCH NORTH	87	90	3
CIMLA	87	90	3
BAGLAN	79	83	4
GLYNCORRWG	69	74	5
ONLLWYN	71	76	5
DYFFRYN	71	76	5
CRYNANT	74	79	5
RESOLVEN	80	85	5
TONNA	81	86	5
PONTARDAWE	69	75	6
CWMLLYNFELL	75	81	6
GODREGRAIG	75	81	6
BRYNCOCH SOUTH	82	88	6
YSTALYFERA	66	73	7
TAIBACH	75	82	7
COEDFFRANC N	80	87	7
RHOS	87	94	7
COEDFFRANC C	66	74	8
NEATH NORTH	66	74	8
GLYNNEATH	70	78	8
SEVEN SISTERS	75	83	8
SANDFIELDS EAST	64	73	9
LOWER BRYNAMMAN	71	80	9
SANDFIELDS WEST	72	81	9
CYMMER	65	75	10
BRITON FERRY WEST	66	76	10
MARGAM	80	90	10
NEATH EAST	58	69	11
ABERAVON	66	78	12
COEDFFRANC W	70	82	12
ALLTWEN	75	87	12
TREBANOS	71	85	14
BRYN AND			
CWMAVON	71	85	14
BLAENGWRACH	72	86	14
NEATH SOUTH	69	84	15
ABERDULAIS	76	92	16
PORT TALBOT	65	82	17
BRITON FERRY EAST	57	76	19
PELENNA	70	91	21

Trade Refuse Annual Contract Charges

Refuse component - weekly

Bin size	2014/15	Annual	2015/16	Annual
(litres)	collection	Rental	Collection *	Rental
	(£)	(£)	(\mathfrak{L})	(£)
240	270.00	25.00	288.90	26.75
360	400.00	38.00	428.00	40.66
660	610.00	69.00	652.70	73.83
1100	840.00	116.00	898.80	124.12
Trade refuse	£52.00		£55.64	
sacks	(per 26)		(per 26, see N	Note 1)

Note 1: Minimum requirement of agreement is to purchase 26 bags/year.

Excess waste – charged at £2.50 per bag

Refuse component - fortnightly

Bin size (litres)	2014/15 collection (£)	Annual Rental (£)	2015/16 Collection (£)	Annual Rental (£)
240	135.00	25.00	144.45	26.75
360	200.00	38.00	214.00	40.66
660	305.00	69.00	326.35	73.83
1100	420.00	116.00	449.40	124.12
Trade refuse	£52.00		£55.64	
sacks	(per 26)		(per 26, see	Note 1)

Note 1: Minimum requirement of agreement is to purchase 26 bags/year.

Excess waste – charged at £2.50 per bag

Recycling Contract Charges

For 2015/16, collection fee of £5.00 per week for all of the range of trade recycling options provided plus half price bin rental where bins are required, with the exception of trade sack and single 240 bin customers where the charge will be £3.00 per week. Traders who wish to access the Household Waste and

^{*}Two collections per week will attract twice the collection charge (where available).

Recycling Centres (HWRCs) for the disposal of recyclable commercial waste will be charged £260.00 per annum (52 permits in each book purchased).

Registered Charity Contract Charges (Charity Shops)

Refuse component - weekly

Bin size (litres)	2014/15 collection	Annual Rental	2015/16 Collection *	Annual Rental
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
240	135.00	25.00	144.45	26.75
360	200.00	38.00	214.00	40.66
660	305.00	69.00	326.35	73.83
1100	420.00	116.00	449.40	124.12
Trade refuse	£26.00		£27.82	
sacks	(per 26)		(per 26, see N	Note 1)

Note 1: Minimum requirement of agreement is to purchase 26 bags/year.

Excess waste – charged at £2.50 per bag

Refuse component - fortnightly

Bin size (litres)	2014/15 collection (£)	Annual Rental (£)	2015/16 Collection (£)	Annual Rental (£)
240	68.00	25.00	72.23	26.75
360	100.00	38.00	107.00	40.66
660	152.00	69.00	163.18	73.83
1100	210.00	116.00	224.70	124.12
Trade refuse	£26.00		£27.82	
sacks	(per 26)		(per 26, see]	Note 1)

Note 1: Minimum requirement of agreement is to purchase 26 bags/year.

Excess waste – charged at £2.50 per bag

Recycling Contract Charges

Note: There is no legal requirement to discount recycling for charity shops as the discount relates purely to waste disposal. Therefore the same recycling charges also apply to charity shops.

^{*}Two collections per week will attract twice the collection charge (where available).

Collection fee of £5.00 per week for all of the range of trade recycling options provided plus half price bin rental where bins are required, with the exception of trade sack and single 240 bin customers where the charge will be £3.00 per week. Charity shops who wish to access the Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs) for the disposal of recyclable commercial waste will be charged £260.00 per annum (52 permits in each book purchased).

Trade Refuse/Recycling Service is a non-Vatable service.

Appendix C

Earmarked Commitments against the Strategic Waste Reserve

	£'000
Balance of agreed awareness and community engagement plan	75
MREC procurement (with Bridgend)	200
Allowance for winding- up of MREC operating company	200
Provision for long term residual waste treatment procurement	200
Continued investment in recycling development	235
Total	910