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T&F Group Recommendation	Action Proposed or Taken – 18 September 2013
<p>1. That a strategy be produced to look at reducing one cage truck based on a detailed plan of bin locations, with the aim of reducing the number of litter bins (150-160). This could be done by prioritising hotspot areas and reduce the number of bins in areas where they are underused, whilst at the same time ensuring the same level of collections and cleanliness.</p>	<p>Following detailed consultation with elected members, staff and residents, a final list of proposed changes to bins is attached at Appendix 7.</p> <p>It is now proposed that these changes are made and that the service is reduced by one cage truck and one post.</p> <p>This will generate savings of around £30,500 per annum.</p>
<p>2. Should, in the future, the Council need more dog bins then these could be recycled from the reduction as in recommendation 1, although the task group are mindful of the risk of on-costs if large bins were used (fittings etc).</p>	<p>This recommendation has been noted for future consideration.</p>
<p>3. Members agreed that, following a review of refuse services, the puller/loaders could stay behind whilst the driver takes their wagon to be emptied to undertake duties such as litter picking etc.</p>	<p>Following previous consultation on collection days, 88% of residents agreed that the Council could consider changing collection days in order to make the service more efficient. Routes have now been reviewed and area-based collections are being progressed. It is envisaged that this can be implemented in late spring 2014.</p> <p>When operating the new routes, when the refuse collection vehicles (RCVs) are full and go to tip off at Winney Hill, the driver will drop off the other staff who will stay in the area. This will allow for around 24 hours of staff time to be to be focused in one area on the day they are there, to allow for a 'deep clean' litter pick to be carried out.</p> <p>It is proposed that this be implemented when the new routes go live.</p>
<p>4. Whilst the task and finish group understand that all authorities are under financial pressure, it was agreed that the Council should reduce their contribution to Whitworth Town Council for their town centre caretaker, to be determined by the</p>	<p>Changes to be confirmed with Whitworth Town Council on 11 September 2013.</p>

Director of Customer and Communities.	
<p>5. The task and finish group feel that the town centre caretakers are a focus of the town centres, it was felt that there was a need to review weekend overtime payments, with the aim of possible reduction and more flexible working patterns being established.</p>	<p>It is proposed that the current team of 4 Town Centre Caretakers (currently based in Haslingden, Rawtenstall, Waterfoot and Bacup) and one litterpicker (currently based in Stacksteads) be reconfigured to one smaller team of Environmental Wardens which will cover all the district centres between them. Job descriptions will be reviewed to generate a greater focus on environmental enforcement</p> <p>In order to support this change, it would be necessary for the Market Caretaker to work full time hours. The additional cost of this would be £5,000.</p> <p>It is proposed that these changes are now made.</p>
<p>6. It was agreed that the Council should look at making possible savings to the Cleansing Agency budget by extending the working arrangements with other local authorities.</p>	<p>This change has already been implemented and £13,435 has been removed from the Cleansing Agency budget.</p>
<p>7. That the Council review the frequency of the small mechanical sweepers and to investigate the feasibility of reducing one small sweeper.</p> <p>And</p> <p>8. To develop a frequency rota of all road sweeper activities (HGV and small) that may result in the reduction of one of the large sweepers, whilst at the same time working with LCC to increase the number of times grates are cleaned.</p>	<p>It is proposed that one pavement sweeper and one post be removed.</p> <p>This will generate savings of around £34,000.</p> <p>It is further proposed that one road sweeper be stepped down for use as a spare vehicle only and one post is removed.</p> <p>This will generate savings of around £64,000.</p>
<p>9. To remove all 'bring-sites' around the borough, but at the same time promote the 'private' bring-sites and that people be encourage to use grey bins provided by the Council.</p> <p>AND</p>	<p>It is proposed that all of the existing 'bring sites' are removed.</p> <p>It is proposed that revised policies for the collection of garden waste and missed bin</p>

<p>Changes to Garden Waste Collections Policy and Missed Bin Collection Policy.</p>	<p>collections are brought forward.</p>
<p>10. To discuss ways of promoting cleanliness in the borough to takeaways, nightclubs etc by either leaflet distribution or face-to-face contact.</p>	<p>This is covered under proposal number 5.</p>
<p>11. Due to the geographics of the borough, consideration should be given to more joint working with surrounding boroughs for such areas as litter picking/road sweeping etc.</p>	<p>We now work with Hyndburn BC with regards to the sweeping and litter picking schedule for areas on our border.</p>
<p>12. That the Council review the 'Direct Costs' budget by bulk buying/sharing procurement arrangements with other local authorities.</p>	<p>We are currently exploring options for joint procurement with Burnley Borough Council and Hyndburn Borough Council.</p>
<p>13. That the Council considers a mid-management review to look at the tighter operation of these staff</p>	<p>The mid-management layer has been reviewed and changes are being made which will lead to the reduction of one supervisor from the refuse, recycling and street cleansing service.</p> <p>It is proposed that one supervisor post is now removed from the staffing establishment. This will generate a saving of around £30,000.</p>