

**Name of meeting:** Cabinet  
**Dates:** 7 February 2017

**Title of report:** **Compactor Relocation at Huddersfield Open Market**

<b>Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?</b>	no
<b>Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?</b>	no
<b>Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?</b>	yes
<b>Date signed off by <u>Director</u> &amp; name:</b>	Jacqui Gedman – 27/01/17
<b>Is it signed off by the Assistant Director - Financial Management, Risk, IT &amp; Performance?</b>	Debbie Hogg – 27/01/17
<b>Is it signed off by the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance &amp; Monitoring?</b>	Julie Muscroft – 26/01/17
<b>Cabinet member portfolio</b>	<b>Cllr McBride - Economy, Skills, Transportation and Planning</b>

**Electoral wards affected:** All

**Ward councillors consulted:** No

**Public or Private:** Public

## 1. Purpose of report

The report seeks approval for spend from the Economic Delivery Capital Budget for the current 2016/2017 financial year. The project is to relocate and improve the compactor facilities at Huddersfield Open Market. The total cost of the work is estimated to be £97,000 excluding purchase of a new compactor.

### 1.1. Key Points

- The compactor is used at Huddersfield Open Market to dispose of the waste generated by traders. Currently there is a single compactor located at the bottom of Brook Street (see plans attached at Appendix A). Having only a single compactor means that there is no separation of waste therefore we are currently not recycling waste at this site. A larger purpose built compactor enclosure, would allow the addition of a further compactor to deal exclusively with cardboard waste. This waste can then be recycled allowing us to reduce the cost of disposal by approximately £15K per year.

- The location of the existing compactor is approx. 100m away from the Market site and has to be accessed via Brook Street. Kirklees staff currently undertake this work, using large metal barrows to transport waste off the market site to the existing compactor via the public highway. This is a potentially hazardous task during inclement weather and throughout the winter months, when it is often required to be done in darkness.
- The intention is to build the new compactor enclosure adjacent to the market hall with access directly from the market site. The close proximity of proposed site would greatly improve staff safety as they would not need to cross the public highway and provide additional efficiencies in terms of staff time.
- As of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, traders are removing their own waste to a bin store located close to the market. This is to realise additional efficiency savings relating to staff resources. These efficiency savings will free up existing Markets staff time and enable them to carry out evening sweeping of the market site, making a saving of approximately £34k pa. The intention is to incorporate the bin store within the footprint of this scheme.

## 1.2. Options

The following two options have been explored as per plans at Appendix A, both options subject to planning permission which is currently being sought

- (i) **Non-covered Option** - approximate cost including contingency £97k  
In both options the purchase of the compactor is provided as part of the waste contract and is encompassed in the revenue cost stream, not the capital.
- Site preparation, site set up, cabins, excavation, foundations, drainage and electrical connections, slab.
  - New cavity walls with stone outer, steel frame, with cladding
  - Gates and internal fencing/ barriers
  - Electrical cupboard with doors, internal and external lighting
- (ii) **Covered Option** – approximate cost including contingency £141.5k  
This would include: (purchase of compactor not included)
- Site preparation, site set up, cabins, excavation, foundations, drainage and electrical connections, slab.
  - New cavity walls with stone outer, steel frame, with cladding
  - Gates and internal fencing/ barriers
  - Electrical cupboard with doors, internal and external lighting
  - Metal Profile Roof sheets, gutters and down pipes.

The preferred option is Number 1 - the Non-covered Option. However the foundations and steel frame have been future proofed to allow a roof to be added in the future.

## **2. Implications for the Council**

### **2.1 Operational Implications**

- Removal of the current operational risks.
- We will reduce the environmental impact of our current waste disposal system.
- The Council is moving towards recycling arrangements equal with market industry standards.

### **2.2 Financial Implications**

- The current cost estimate for the project is £97,000 which will attract annual revenue costs of £6.5k (based on an estimated prudential borrowing rate of 6.7%)
- The works will create a saving in waste costs of c.£15k per annum by facilitating the recycling of significant amounts of packaging which currently goes to landfill/incineration.
- The project will allow the service to realise efficiency savings of £34k in relation to staff, by traders transporting waste to the recycling area allowing staff to fulfil sweeping duties which are currently paid to cleansing services at overtime rates.
- Hence the anticipated net savings available from the project are circa £42.5k per annum.

## **3. Consultees and their opinions**

Market Traders have been made aware of the project as part of the overall changes to working and operating practices. Some minor concerns about traders having to move their own waste were made but no formal objections have been raised and the re-siting of the compactor was not objected to.

## **4. Next steps**

Should Cabinet endorse the Capital spend the works will be commissioned through the Capital Delivery team in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

## **5. Officer recommendations and reasons**

In order to increase the efficiency of the markets operation and increase its recycling capacity market traders are being asked to transfer their own waste to a new recycling and compactor area. This will free markets staff up to undertake general cleaning duties and thereby reduce reliance on contract cleaning. In order to make the movement of waste more safe and efficient it is proposed to move the compactor from the south of Brook Street to adjacent the open market. This project will create significant ongoing waste savings and reduce cleaning costs. If

approved it is anticipated the project will be carried out in spring 2017 in order to maximise saving for the financial year 2017/18.

Members are requested to approve capital expenditure of £97k from the Economic Delivery Capital budget to fund the proposed compactor relocation.

## **7. Portfolio holder recommendation**

Cllr McBride has been consulted and is in agreement with the officer recommendation to approve Capital spend and implement these works to realise the significant financial savings involved.

## **8. Contact officers and relevant papers**

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