TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

HEAD OF SERVICE'S DECISION

Committee:

The Executive

Chairman:

Councillor Ian Carr

Head of Service:

Head of Estates and Economic Development

SUBJECT - TAKE-BACK OF WHEELIE BINS

There is a possibility that redundant wheelie bins may be needed in the future and rather than send them for recycling, which is expensive in itself, it would be better to keep them in case an alternative use arises. The take-back of redundant wheelie bins under the new collection arrangements started on 27th February 2006. Council officers had been searching for a suitable affordable site to store these bins for several months. At the last minute a site became available at Sandy Lane, north of Romsey. Initially urgent authority was sought for the Council to take a lease of one site for a period of two years at a rent of £16530 per annum plus business rates and VAT.

Once the take-back started it became apparent that further space would be required. Two additional open storage sites immediately adjacent to the first site are currently available. The additional sites add another 1040 square metres of open storage space to the 1540 square metres provided by the first site. The rent proposed for the combined three sites is £25,000 per annum plus business rates and VAT on a 3 year lease that can be terminated by the Council after 2 years on 6 months notice. This represents a saving of about 10% on the total rent by taking all three sites. This additional land should provide all the space that is required for storage of the redundant bins.

REASON FOR URGENCY

(After consultation with the Chief Executive)

The additional space is required immediately in order not to affect the progress of the take back of bins.

DECISION

(After consultation with the Chairman (or in his absence the Vice-Chairman), who has not requested that the matter be referred to a special meeting of the Committee).

That the Council enters into a lease for the three sites of open storage at Sandy Lane Romsey at a rent of £25,000 per annum plus VAT on terms to be agreed by the officers.

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