

Appendix E:

Review of Permits Scheme

1. The permits scheme was introduced in February 2009 to reduce the problem of trade waste being disposed of illegally under the guise of household waste. The scheme has been very successful and there has been a significant reduction in the total amount of waste being disposed of at the sites. A total of 27,510 tonnes was dealt with at the sites in 2008/2009 but this reduced to 21,900 tonnes by the end of 2011/2012 (reduction of 5,610 tonnes or 20.4 per cent). The scheme is helping to reduce waste processing costs by more than £170k per annum at current rates.
2. Whilst the permits scheme has been very successful there are some loopholes that need closing to further reduce the illegal disposal of waste by some traders.
3. The introduction of charges for brick / rubble, bonded asbestos and plasterboard will be an effective control measure for these specific materials.
4. Work has already started on developing the permits application documentation and processes. Discussions with the council's Environmental Enforcement team have been held to implement more robust enforcement of the scheme.
5. Further estimated cost savings of £30k per annum would be achieved by making changes to the permits scheme. Reviewing the criteria for issuing permits for larger vehicles and trailers would be the most effective method of making cost savings. At the moment each successful applicant receives 12 permits irrespective of size of van, or trailer, being used (up to specified maximum size restrictions). Invariably, these vans and trailers are usually full to capacity with waste on each visit to the site. The amount of waste being brought to the sites in these types of vehicles is not consistent with that produced by normal households. The following restrictions are therefore proposed:

Option Ref.	Vehicle Type	Proposal
A	Commercial style vehicle	Reduce number of permits issued dependent on vehicle size: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small van - 6 permits• Transit style van - 3 permits
B	Commercial style vehicle	Restrict maximum size allowed for permits to standard Transit style van.

C	Commercial style vehicle and trailer	Do not allow a combination of vehicle and trailer to have permits. Customer must choose whether vehicle or trailer is granted permits so as waste can only be brought to site in one or the other.
D	Commercial style vehicle (including work vans)	Restrict number of times a vehicle can be used in permit applications to a maximum of 2 addresses during any 12 month period.
E	Commercial style vehicle	Do not issue permits to any vehicle with a double wheel axle.