

Rye Town Council

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Sent: 23 June 2011 09:29
Subject: RE: ESCC - response to bulky waste review
 Richard

Thank you for your email of 20 June regarding funding of a bulky waste disposal option in Rye.

I have discussed your email with Andy Robertson, Assistant Director Environment. If you manage to identify a different solution locally, please let us know. As you are aware, in common with the rest of the County Council, we are currently reviewing all the services provided by the department as we need to significantly reduce our spending. While there is therefore a presumption against an expansion in service at this time, we might be able to consider funding if an alternative proposal could be shown to deliver benefits such as an increase in recycling, in a cost effective way.

I have also contacted Emma Dean, our External Funding Officer, and asked if there are any funding streams that a community may be able to apply to. Below are a few suggestions that she has made.

- A monthly funding newsletter published by the Council, which provides a rolling summary of funding streams: <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/funding/sources/default.htm>
- A free guide called 'Applying for Funding', recently published by the Council: <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/funding/howwecanhelp/guides.htm>
- GRANTnet – open to organisations wishing to identify funding opportunities for free. Voluntary and community groups based in East Sussex can register and do the searches directly. <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/funding/grantnet/default.htm>
- The Co-operative's Enterprise Hub finance scheme offers a mix of financial support via a grant/loan package, plus specialist advice to support new enterprises. Applications can be made online, and the Enterprise Hub then contacts the applicant to arrange for a business advisor to visit and prepare a proposal. There are two links, one for case studies and one for application guidelines. Case studies: <http://www.co-operative.coop/enterprisehub/case-studies/>, Application Guidelines: <http://www.co-operative.coop/enterprisehub/eligibility/>

If you require any further information on the above please feel free to contact Emma Dean on 01273 336616 or emma.dean@eastsussex.gov.uk, or Véronique Poutrel (External Funding Manager) on 01273 482859 or veronique.poutrel@eastsussex.gov.uk.

Please feel free to get back to me if you have any further comments or questions.

Kind Regards

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From: Rye Town Council [mailto:ryetowncouncil@btconnect.com]
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To: Alice Henderson
Subject: Re: ESCC - response to bulky waste review

Hello Alice

Would ESCC be prepared to make any financial contribution towards a possible local solution?

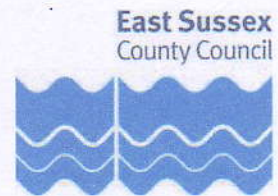
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Dear Councillor Smith,

Review of bulky waste disposal options available to Rye residents

I am writing to you as a representative of Rye Town Council and chair of the Public Services Committee.

Following our previous discussions and my attendance at the Town Council Meeting I have assessed the cost of providing a bulky waste disposal service in Rye. As a result of these investigations I can update you that this would cost approximately £76,000 per year to provide. This cost is based on a fortnightly service of two split Roadside Collection Vehicles (RCVs), which would enable the disposal of a small range of materials for recycling and landfill.

As a department we have to plan for £4.3m worth of savings this year and approximately £13.2m over the next four years. This equates to 20% of our budget and means we will not have the money we need to carry on providing all the services we currently deliver. Therefore, we are currently undertaking a fundamental review of all the services we provide and will have to make some very difficult decisions about which ones we should prioritise.


There are currently a variety of facilities available to the residents to dispose of their waste. These include those provided by Rother District Council, such as kerbside collections and bring banks (which enable the disposal and recycling of small items such as glass, metal, paper and plastics) and a paid bulky collection service. In addition to this the residents can travel to a Household Waste Recycling Sites (HWRS) located in Mountfield and Hastings to dispose of bulky items.



At this time we will not be able to provide a new bulky waste disposal service in Rye. However we will continue to monitor the situation, especially as we continue to undertake service reviews assessing how we provide the services and savings required across the council.

We appreciate your concerns, and recognise that this response does not provide the outcome that you are seeking. I hope that you can understand our reasoning behind this decision. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alice Henderson', written over a faint horizontal line.

Ms Alice Henderson
Waste Operations team manager