

Bring Banks proposal

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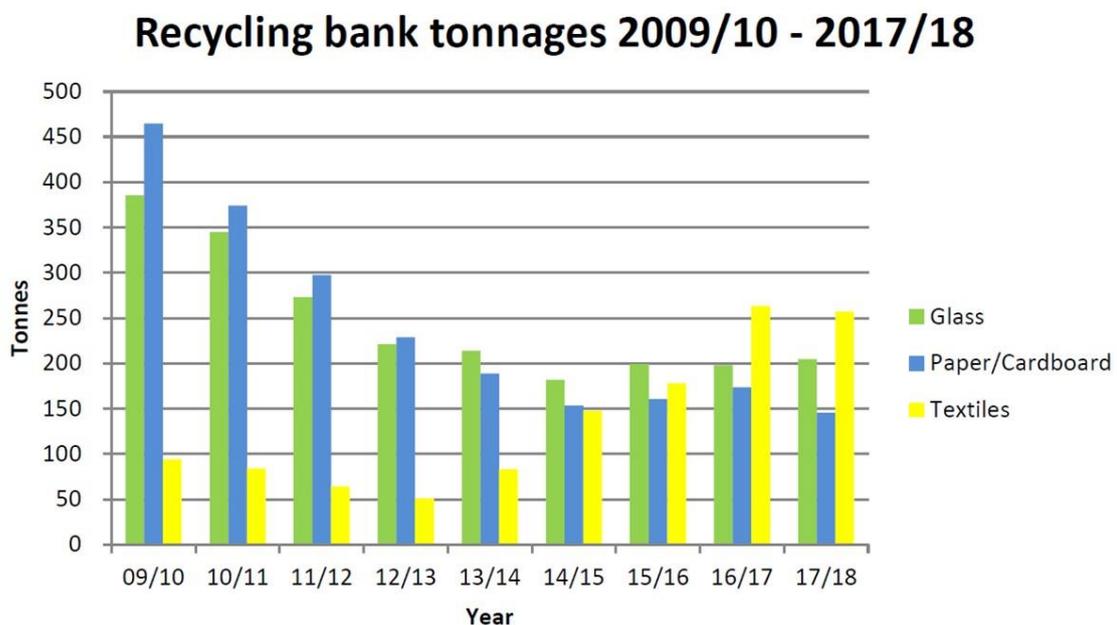
We are in the middle of the most severe period of spending cuts we have ever experienced. By 2019-2020, total cuts to our spending will exceed £150million when compared to 2010-11. Our government grant has fallen, on a like-for-like basis, from £289million in 2010-11 to a projected £166million by 2019-20

To achieve savings whilst offering an improved recycling bank service, we are proposing the following changes:

1. Remove all the paper and card recycling banks at the 27 sites where these are provided, and all the glass banks at the 62 sites where these are provided.
2. Introduce new recycling bins that accept a wider range of materials for recycling including paper, card, glass, metal cans and plastic bottles, at approximately 25 key sites in the city.
3. Keep all existing textile recycling banks.

Why Change?

The current recycling bank network has been in operation for many years. Since the introduction of the [Orange Bag Recycling Service](#) to households in 2011 there has been a significant decrease in the amount of recycling collected through the recycling banks, particularly for cardboard, paper and glass. Many sites now have very little usage.



This chart of recycling bank tonnages shows that each year residents are now bringing only about half the amount of glass to recycling banks than they did in 2009-10. Their recycling of paper and cardboard at the banks has dropped to roughly a third of what it was. However, residents are using textiles banks more, recycling around 250 tonnes per year now compared to around 100 tonnes in 2009-10. Textiles cannot be recycled in orange bags.

Demand for the service has therefore fallen overall, and it has become less efficient. Furthermore, the recycling banks are old, so the proposed changes provide an opportunity to modernise the network, providing new, more attractive bins that accept a wider range of materials for recycling.



Example of current recycling banks



Example of how the new bins could look

Please note - The bins would be placed in a locking frame to prevent movement, and they would be installed with special lids to prevent their misuse.