

Schedule 5 Supporting Information Tender Ref: DN730776

Contract for Textiles Recycling Bank Service



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1. Introduction to Dorset Council

Dorset Council replaced the district and borough councils of East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland, as well as Dorset County Council, and delivers local services in partnership with parish and town councils.

Dorset Council was created:

- to protect important services for residents including waste collection services, housing, road maintenance, schools and social care
- to reduce costs and give better value for money through cutting duplication
- to give Dorset a stronger voice nationally which will help attract business investment and government funding and support local economic growth

Dorset Council has historically commissioned a textile recycling bank service, achieving high levels of income per tonne of textiles via a buoyant and competitive textiles market set in a climate that has favoured high levels of recycling within the community and free movement of labour to enable sorting of materials collected in the UK.

This service has been procured since 2007 (by the historic iterations of Dorset Council) as it was deemed appropriate that external companies were better placed to perform this service as they

- had the expertise and market contacts to ensure sale of the commodity for a good price
- provided a dedicated resource to supply and maintain a wide network of recycling banks, service them consistently and regularly and store materials to ensure quality

The critical objectives of Dorset Council are:

- Maintaining customer satisfaction
- Investigate further options for cashable savings
- Encourage application of the waste hierarchy
- Meet our statutory requirements
- Seek to work in partnership

2. Dorset Council waste services

In February 2024 Dorset Council was named as the best unitary council in the country for recycling.

Best Unitary Council in the Country for recycling

2.1 Household Kerbside Collections

The kerbside collection service is known as the Recycle for Dorset service and comprises of a:

- fortnightly residual waste collection from a 140ltr wheeled bin
- fortnightly recycling collection from a 240ltr wheeled bin and kerbside box for separate glass
- weekly food waste collection from a 23ltr caddy
- charged year-round fortnightly garden waste service from a 240ltr bin

For further details please see:

Which bin do I use

Garden Waste Service

2.2 Household Recycling Centres (HRCs)

There are 10 HRCs in the Dorset Council administrative area. The current contractor who operates the sites on the Councils behalf is W&S Waste Management Ltd.

More information about the location of these sites and the facilities they offer can be seen here:

Recycling centres (tips) and banks - Dorset Council

2.3 Bulky Waste Collections

Dorset Council provides a bulky household waste collection service via a contract with Dorset based reuse

Bulky waste collection - Dorset Council

2.4 Commercial Waste Collections

Commercial waste collection services for a variety of materials are offered by Dorset Council, full details of which can be seen here:

Business waste - Dorset Council

2.5 Street Cleaning

Dorset Council is responsible for all street cleaning within the Dorset Council area, including mechanical road sweeping and the removal of fly-tips.

2.6 Recycling 'bring bank' services

Following the successful roll out of the comprehensive 'Recycle for Dorset' uniform kerbside collection service in 2016, the council has since rationalised its large network of recycling bring banks across the administrative area.

However, recycling banks for aluminium foil, cartons and textiles were retained at 34 key sites, as these materials are not yet included in the kerbside collection service.

Dorset Council are looking for a supplier to provide recycling banks for textiles at the existing various locations within the Dorset Council area, and to maintain those banks.

We believe that a commitment to this service in the form of a formalised contract, combined with an impetus for expanding capacity and increasing promotion, will ensure the potential to increase tonnages, material quality and the reuse and recycling rate of textiles in the Dorset Council area can be realised.

3. Project Background

Dorset Council is responsible for the collection and disposal of controlled waste within the Dorset Council administrative area. This is a statutory function as detailed within the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA).

A network of 34 recycling bank sites for textiles, foil and cartons, chiefly situated in council owned car parks, are maintained by Dorset Council as part of the effort to achieve these long terms goals by maximising residents' opportunity to reuse and recycle materials for which there is not an outlet at the kerbside as part of the 'Recycle for Dorset' collection service.

The income that is generated through the collection and sale of textiles from recycling banks has provided valuable income to offset service costs in other areas during a period of prolonged austerity.

Dorset Council seeks to formalise its textiles recycling bank service in a 4-year contract, extendable by a maximum of a further 2 years, to maximise the capture of this material for reuse and recycling and its associated income.

The Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Dorset Council (<u>DWP waste strategy</u> (<u>dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</u>) strives to achieve high recycling and composting. The re-procurement of this service ties in specifically with the following Policy Objectives held within the Strategy:

- **Policy objective 2:** Promote waste awareness through coordinated public education and awareness campaigns, and effective community engagement
- Policy objective 4: Achieve an optimised recycling and composting service across Dorset
- **Policy objective 7:** Delivering efficient and cost-effective waste management services across Dorset Council administrative area that provide value for money.

4. Textiles available for tender

Textiles applicable to this contract are to be derived from 30 recycling banks that are placed in **26 locations**, primarily council owned car parks, in the Dorset Council administrative area. Please note that the retailer who controls 2 of these locations currently stipulates the supplier of the textile bank and therefore these locations may not be available under this service.

Textiles are placed into the banks by members of the public, who have access to the banks 24 hours per day, with the intention that they are reused or recycled.

Locations at which banks are to be placed are identified in Appendix 1.

Textiles collected at HRCs do not form part of this contract opportunity.

4.1 Textiles arisings in the Dorset Council administrative area

Individual bank data is not available.

Textiles collected from recycling banks		
Financial year	Total	Total locations
2019 – 20	113.75	26
2020 – 21	169.45	26
2021 – 22	190.23	26
2022 – 23	181.43	26
2023 – 24	197.05	26

Appendix 1

Locations of recycling bank sites available for tender

Post Code	Location
BH21 1AU	Allenview Road Car Park Allenview Road Wimborne
BH19 1NL	North Beach Car Park De Moulham Road Swanage
BH20 4PB	Streche Road Car Park Streche Road Wareham
BH20 5AR	Furzebrook Village Hall 64 Furzebrook Road Wareham
BH20 7DL	Old Recycling Area Morden Main Road Morden
BH22 OHL	Park Way Car Park, West Moors
BH31 6UQ	** Morrisons Verwood
DT1 1QW	Fairfield Car Park Weymouth Avenue Dorchester
DT1 1XJ	County Hall Car Park Dorchester
DT10 1EW	Honeymead Lane Sturminster Newton
DT10 2NA	Springfields Car Park Stalbridge
DT11 7AW	Marsh & Ham Car Park Blandford
DT11 7EN	Langton Road Car Park Langton Road Blandford
DT3 6HP	Littlemoor Shopping Centre Littlemoor Road Weymouth
DT3 6SX	Overcombe Car Park Heron Close Weymouth
DT4 9SS	Southhill Car Park Radipole Lane Weymouth
DT5 2BJ	Easton Car Park (Past Easton Clinic) Portland
DT6 4SB	** Morrisons Bridport
DT6 6LS	Lower Sea Lane Car Park Charmouth
DT7 3HX	Holmbush Car Park Pound Street Lyme Regis
DT8 3EF	Yarn Barton Car Park Beaminster
DT9 3JQ	Newlands North Car Park Sherborne
DT9 3NJ	Culverhayes Car Park Sherborne
SP5 5ND	Church Farm Caravan Park (Left of) Off High Street Sixpenny Handley
SP8 4RZ	High Street Car Park High Street Gillingham
SP8 4UA	Chantry Fields Car Park Le Neuborg Way Gillingham

** the supplier of the textile banks are under a separate agreement with the retailer operating the facility and therefore may not be available under this contract