Broxtowe Borough COUNCIL

Wednesday, 11 November 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held on Thursday, 19 November 2026 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston, NG9 1AB, commencing at 6.00pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully



Zulfiqar Darr
Chief Executive

To Councillors:

S Dannheimer (Chair)
S Webb (Vice-Chair)
J M Owen (Vice-Chair)
S J Carr
H L Crosby
H J Faccio
K A Harlow
H Land
D L MacRae
A W G A Stockwell
C M Tideswell
E Winfield
K Woodhead

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1. Apologies

   To receive apologies and to be notified of the attendance of substitutes.

2. Declarations of Interest

   Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

   Further information can be found at: Member Code of Conduct of Broxtowe Borough Council

3. Minutes (Pages 5 - 6)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2026.

4. Consideration of Call - In

To consider any matter referred to the Committee for a decision in relation to the call in of a decision.

5. Spotlight Review - Tenancy Succession (Pages 7 - 12)

To consider the operation of the Tenancy Succession legalisation.

6. Bring Recycling Sites (Pages 13 - 60)

To provide Members with an overview of current bring recycling site provision across the Borough and seek recommendations on the future approach to service delivery.

7. Missed Bin Review Update

Members will receive a presentation on the current work undertaken for the Missed Bin Scrutiny Review.

8. Update: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Council Parks (Pages 61 - 76)

To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on progress against the ten recommendations from its review of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) within the Borough's parks, including achievements to date and the status of each recommendation since the previous update presented on 25 September 2025.

9. Cabinet Work Programme (Pages 77 - 78)

To inform the Committee of items on the Cabinet’s work programme, from which items for scrutiny may be identified.

10. Work Programme (Pages 79 - 82)

Committee is asked to approve its Work Programme, including identifying topics for scrutiny, that will help to achieve the Council's key priorities and associated objectives.

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2026

Present: Councillor S Dannheimer, Chair

Councillors: J M Owen (Vice-Chair)
B Bullock (Substitute)
S J Carr
H J Faccio
H Land
P J Owen (Substitute)
A W G A Stockwell
C M Tideswell
K Woodhead

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Webb, H L Crosby, K A Harlow, D L MacRae and E Winfield

112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

113 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2026 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

114 CONSIDERATION OF CALL - IN

There were no call-ins to be considered.

115 SPOTLIGHT REVIEW: LIME BIKES

The Committee considered the operation of the Lime shared e-bike scheme within Broxtowe Borough.

The Lime Bikes scheme is currently operating within Broxtowe Borough under an informal pilot arrangement that was initially supported through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Panel and subsequently received Cabinet approval in January 2025.

The spotlight review was held on 7 August 2026 and included representatives from Lime Bikes, Broxtowe Borough Council's Economic Development team, elected Members and members of the public.

The review considered the impact of the scheme on residents, public spaces, transport connectivity, health outcomes and environmental objectives. Alongside

concerns relating to parking, enforcement and accountability of the individual organisations.

RECOMMENDED to Cabinet that:

1. **Ask that Lime consider their ability to implement temporary parking bays and increases in patrols surrounding events where higher foot traffic is suspected. Physical corrals should be used instead of digital corrals or painted lines on the ground, where possible.**
2. **Consider the introduction of an end date for the informal service trial currently underway with Lime.**
3. **Direct the Economic Development team to investigate the provision of further Lime parking bays to aid better parking and help reduce the number of poorly parked bikes.**
4. **Consider the viability of introducing a system by which Broxtowe Borough Council may issue fines to Lime for the collection of poorly parked or dumped bikes, as have other authorities around the country.**

116 CONSIDERATION OF TOPICS FOR AN UPCOMING SCRUTINY REVIEW

The Committee considered a proposal from Councillor B C Carr regarding how the Council deal with cases of tenancy succession.

The Committee considered the following as proposed by Councillor B C Carr:

- Longer period between the death of a tenant and our first approach to the remaining resident.
- A verbal discussion around specific circumstances conducted by a senior member of Housing in order to fully ascertain needs and requirements, including health/mental health issues, financial problems and any other issues.
- A review of the contents of our standard letters and of their timings.
- A clearer, more transparent process for the affected resident.
- End to end responsibility of the case by one named member of staff from start to finish.

RESOLVED that the topic of tenancy succession be added to the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme.

117 CABINET WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the Cabinet Work Programme.

118 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the work programme, with the amendment to add the topic of tenancy succession to a future date.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended with the tenancy succession, be approved.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee 19 November 2026

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Spotlight Review: Tenancy Succession

1. Purpose of Report

To consider the operation of the Tenancy Succession legalisation.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the recommendations identified in the Spotlight Review be approved.

3. Detail

The purpose of the Spotlight Review, which took place on 16 October 2026, was to examine the effectiveness, fairness, consistency and impact of the Council's Tenancy Succession arrangements.

The review assessed whether current policies comply with legislative requirements, supported vulnerable households, made effective use of the Council's housing stock and if it provided clear guidance to residents following the death of a tenant.

The review made particular emphasis on identifying opportunities to improve customer experience, strengthen decision-making processes and ensure that housing resources are managed efficiently.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer were as follows:

There are no additional financial implications for the Council to consider at this stage. Any significant budget implications in the future, over and above virement limits, would require approval by Cabinet.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

Whilst there are no direct legal implication arising from this report, the legal services team will be able to support and advise as required as the project progresses.

6. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

7. Union Comments

Not applicable.

8. Climate Change Implications

Any climate change implications are contained within the report.

9. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment

Not applicable.

11. Background Papers

Nil.

Appendix

Background

Tenancy succession occurs when a person takes over a tenancy following the death of the original tenant. Succession rights are governed by legislation, tenancy agreements and local housing policies.

The process can be complex and emotionally challenging for bereaved families, particularly where there are competing housing pressures and limited social housing availability.

The Council has a responsibility to balance:

- The rights of eligible successors.
- The need to provide support to bereaved households.
- The efficient management of social housing stock.
- Legal compliance and risk management.
- Wider housing demand and homelessness pressures.

Recent changes in family structures, increasing housing demand and the ongoing shortage of social housing create a need to ensure that succession arrangements remain fit for purpose.

Key Legislation

Housing Act 1985

The Housing Act 1985 establishes statutory succession rights for secure tenants. In most circumstances, only one statutory succession can occur, and eligible successors are generally limited to:

- A spouse or civil partner occupying the property as their only or principal home at the time of the tenant's death.

- Certain family members who have resided continuously at the property for a qualifying period immediately prior to the tenant's death, subject to the tenancy commencement date and applicable legislation.

The Act also provides powers for landlords to seek possession where a successor under-occupies a property and suitable alternative accommodation is available.

Localism Act 2011

The Localism Act 2011 amended succession rights for new secure tenancies granted after 1 April 2012. For these tenancies:

- The statutory right of succession is generally restricted to a spouse or civil partner (or a person living with the tenant as such).

- Local authorities retain discretion to provide additional succession rights through their tenancy agreements and local policies.

Housing Act 1996

The Housing Act 1996 provides the wider legislative framework governing the allocation of social housing and homelessness duties. Succession decisions can have implications for:

- Housing register demand.
- Transfer applications.
- Homelessness prevention responsibilities.
- Management of under-occupied accommodation.

Communication

Members were advised that most tenancy succession cases are managed through direct, face-to-face engagement with applicants and family members.

This approach enables officers to explain the succession process, gather relevant information and provide support during what is often a difficult and sensitive period for bereaved households.

Members noted that written correspondence issued as part of the succession process is necessarily focused on the Council's legal obligations and the statutory requirements associated with succession. Whilst legally compliant, Members acknowledged that such correspondence may be perceived as impersonal by individuals who have recently experienced a bereavement.

Particular consideration was given to the content and presentation of succession related correspondence. Members discussed opportunities to separate expressions of condolence and supportive information from the more formal explanation of the legal process and eligibility criteria. It was considered that this approach could improve the overall customer experience while ensuring that statutory requirements continue to be communicated clearly.

Members further noted the value of proactive home visits undertaken with the family of the deceased tenant. Members recognised that face-to-face engagement supports more effective communication, provides an opportunity to explain the process in a sensitive manner and assists officers in understanding the individual circumstances of each case. It was suggested that, where appropriate, greater emphasis on home visits could contribute to service improvements and enhance the support provided to residents navigating the succession process.

Single Point of Contact

Discussion took place regarding the introduction of a dedicated Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for tenancy succession cases. The designated officer would manage each case from notification of the tenant's death through to resolution of the succession process, providing continuity and consistency for residents.

The SPOC would act as the primary contact for the family of the deceased tenant and, where appropriate, undertake home visits to explain the tenancy succession process, discuss available options and provide support during a period of bereavement.

Review of Succession Correspondence

Members considered that the Housing Department reviews the content and structure of tenancy succession correspondence to ensure communications are both sensitive and informative.

In particular, legal and procedural information should be separated from bereavement-related communications. A bespoke condolence letter should be developed to acknowledge the family's loss, provide reassurance regarding the next steps and offer a home visit to discuss the succession process and available support.

Review of Process Timescales and Use of the Tell Us Once Service

A debate was undertaken for a review of the timing and sequencing of correspondence issued following notification of a tenant's death, with a view to ensuring communications are appropriate and sensitive to the circumstances of bereaved families.

As part of the review, consideration should be given to how the ‘Tell Us Once’ service may be utilised to support and streamline the tenancy succession process, reducing unnecessary contact and administrative burden on residents.

Development of Resident Information and Support Materials

The Spotlight Review considered that the Housing Department develops a tenancy succession information leaflet for families of deceased tenants, which should include:

- An explanation of the tenancy succession process.
- A checklist of actions that may need to be taken following a death.
- Information regarding housing options and support available.
- Contact details for the relevant Council services and external bereavement support organisations.
- Frequently asked questions relating to tenancy succession.

Bereavement Awareness Training

A discussion took place that further officer training arrangements can be undertaken and that a new introduction of additional bereavement awareness training for officers involved in tenancy succession cases should be implement.

The training should focus on effective communication, supporting vulnerable residents, recognising the impact of grief and delivering services in a compassionate manner while meeting the Council's legal obligations.

Recommendations

1. **Introduce a Single Point of Contact within the Housing Department to specifically see the death of a tenant and Tenancy Succession process through to completion. Furthermore, establish a Single Point of Contact with deceased tenant's family to allow for a more consistent approach to communication. This would also include more home visits with the family of the deceased to enable proper explanation of how the Tenancy Succession process works.**

2. **Improve communication regarding the Tenancy Succession process by separating legal and condolence letters. This would include creating a bespoke condolence letter to properly set out and recognise the family of the deceased situation and offer a home visit, as highlighted above, to properly explain how the process works.**

3. **Review the timing of the letters sent regarding Tenancy Succession and how the 'Tell Us Once' service can support the Tenancy Succession Process.**

4. **Create a leaflet to provide the family of the deceased with support services and a checklist on helpful actions they can take following the death of a family member.**

5. **Introduce further officer training for dealing with bereavement within the Housing Department.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee **19 November 2026**

Report of the Director of Environment and Leisure

Bring Recycling Site Review

1. Purpose of Report

To provide Members with an overview of current bring recycling site provision across the Borough and seek recommendations on the future approach to service delivery.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to CONSIDER the information presented and determine whether bring recycling site provision should form part of a future work programme review, providing a steer on the areas it wishes to explore further before making recommendations on the future of the service.

3. Detail

Bring recycling sites were introduced across the Borough in 1994, providing residents with opportunities to recycle a range of materials at a time when comprehensive kerbside recycling services were not available. At its peak, the network comprised 25 bring sites located across the Borough, accepting materials including glass, paper, cardboard, cartons and aluminium cans.

In addition to Council-operated locations, several bring sites were historically situated at major supermarket locations across the Borough. Over time, several of these sites were removed at the request of the host supermarkets, which chose to make their own recycling arrangements and take responsibility for the provision of recycling facilities for their customers.

Since the introduction and subsequent expansion of kerbside recycling services, the role of bring sites has changed significantly. Residents can now recycle most materials previously accepted at bring banks through kerbside collections, increasing convenience and accessibility. Most recently, the introduction of Simpler Recycling arrangements has enabled cartons to be collected through the green-lidded recycling bin from March 2026. As a result, the collection of cartons at bring recycling sites ceased in July 2026.

The network currently comprises 16 bring recycling sites, primarily providing facilities for glass recycling. In addition, textile and book banks are available at the Sainsbury's sites in Beeston and Kimberley. Details of the current network, material tonnages collected and associated recycling credit income is included within **Appendix 1**. Results of a recycling site audit can be found in **Appendix 2.**

Whilst the network continues to provide a recycling opportunity for residents and generates an ongoing income stream (around £24,000 per annum in recycling credit income), many of the sites and containers are approaching the end of their operational life and require significant investment. The Council owns most of the glass recycling banks and these would need to be replaced to ensure continued compliance with current safety and operational requirements. Initial estimates indicate that investment in the region of £40,000 would be required to renew the existing infrastructure.

With the level of investment required, and given the availability of comprehensive kerbside collection services for most recyclable materials, it is timely to review the future role of bring recycling sites within the Borough's wider recycling offer. Members are therefore invited to consider the options set out at **Appendix 1** and provide a view on the future direction of provision across the Borough.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer were as follows:

The bring recycling site network continues to contribute to the Council's recycling performance and generates around £24,000 per annum in recycling credit income. However, the majority of the Council-owned recycling banks are approaching the end of their operational life and will require significant capital investment to maintain the network and ensure ongoing compliance with safety and operational requirements. Members should therefore consider the financial implications of any future service model, alongside the environmental benefits, resident accessibility and the availability of comprehensive kerbside recycling services.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Head of Legal Services were as follows:

The Council is the waste collection authority under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and meets its statutory recycling duties through the kerbside service. There is no legal duty to provide bring recycling sites. Their provision is discretionary and the Council may retain, reduce or withdraw them.
Recycling credit income is paid by the County Council as waste disposal authority.

As the report notes, its future is uncertain following the introduction of extended producer responsibility and it should not be relied upon.
Several sites are on land the Council does not own.

Any change at those sites will need to take account of the arrangements with the landowner.

If the review leads to proposals to reduce or withdraw provision, the Council must have due regard to the public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, and the Equality Impact Assessment referred to in the report must be completed before any decision is taken.

There is no statutory requirement to consult, but if consultation is undertaken it must be carried out fairly and the responses considered.

No decision affecting the service is being taken at this stage and no legal implications arise from the recommendation itself.

6. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

7. Union Comments

Not applicable.

8. Climate Change Implications

At this stage, there are no direct climate change implications arising from the report. From a climate perspective, kerbside recycling collections generally provide the most efficient means of collecting recyclable materials and reduce the need for residents to make separate vehicle journeys to recycling sites. However, bring recycling sites continue to provide an alternative recycling option for residents who may have limited storage capacity at home or who require additional recycling facilities. The climate change implications of any proposed changes to bring recycling site provision will be considered as part of any future detailed assessment.

9. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment

There are no direct equality implications arising from this report. Should the review result in proposals to change bring recycling site provision, a full Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken and reported as part of the decision-making process.

11. Background Papers

Nil.

Appendix

Background

The current bring recycling sites network comprises 17 sites located across the Borough. Glass recycling facilities are available at all locations, while textile and book recycling banks are provided at selected sites where there is sufficient demand and available space. The current provision is detailed in table 1.

	Glass	Textiles	Books
Albert Street, Eastwood	✓		
Beeston Youth and Community	✓		
Bramcote Leisure Centre	✓	✓	
Chilwell Barracks (Private)	✓		
Chilwell Olympia	✓		
Derby Street, Beeston	✓		
Festival Inn, Trowell	✓		
Greasley Community Centre	✓		
Hickings Lane, Stapleford	✓		
Leyton Crescent, Beeston Rylands	✓	✓	
Morrisons, Eastwood	✓		
Nottingham Uni, Beeston	✓		
Nuthall Methodist Church	✓		
Sainsburys', Beeston		✓	✓
Sainsburys', Kimberley		✓	✓
Sun Inn, Eastwood	✓		
Village Hotel, Toton	✓		

Table 1: Bring recycling sites across the Borough.

Whilst the network is primarily focused on glass recycling, it continues to support residents who prefer or require an alternative to kerbside recycling services. Information relating to material tonnages collected, site performance and associated recycling credit income is provided later within this appendix.

Bring recycling site tonnages

Glass recycling tonnages vary significantly across the bring site network, reflecting differences in location, accessibility and usage (Table 2 and Figure 1). A small number of sites account for a disproportionately large share of material collected, with Morrisons in Eastwood being by far the highest performing site, collecting 727 tonnes over the six-year period. Hickings Lane in Stapleford (200 tonnes) and Derby Street in Beeston (111 tonnes) are the next highest-performing locations.

In contrast, several sites attract comparatively low levels of use, with Village Hotel in Toton (9 tonnes), Nottingham University in Beeston (18 tonnes) and Chilwell Barracks (24 tonnes) collectively accounting for a relatively small proportion of the total material collected. This variation in performance highlights the differences made by individual sites.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Village Hotel, Toton	1.24	1.56	2.48	0.91	1.49
Nottingham Uni, Beeston	1.49	2.28	4.70	3.08	3.90
Chilwell Barracks (Private)	5.25	1.99	4.00	2.02	3.82
Festival Inn, Trowell	6.60	2.65	5.65	4.67	9.96
Beeston Youth and Community Centre	2.11	4.50	8.41	9.18	10.10
Greasley Community Centre	8.61	8.04	9.78	10.53	10.23
Albert Street, Eastwood	13.60	6.84	9.76	7.95	7.64
Sun Inn, Eastwood	4.59	6.79	16.12	15.56	16.31
Chilwell Olympia	14.10	7.61	13.21	16.20	15.42
Nuthall Methodist Church	15.75	8.33	15.27	17.50	15.73
Leyton Crescent, Beeston	18.19	9.48	14.57	15.40	15.36
Bramcote Leisure Centre	16.48	7.33	20.41	21.31	19.02
Derby Street, Beeston	12.50	6.25	18.26	30.58	27.52
Hickings Lane, Stapleford	38.79	29.37	34.38	29.72	22.60
Morrisons, Eastwood	134.03	94.63	121.17	125.30	113.59

Table 2: Glass bring bank tonnages across the Borough over the last five years.

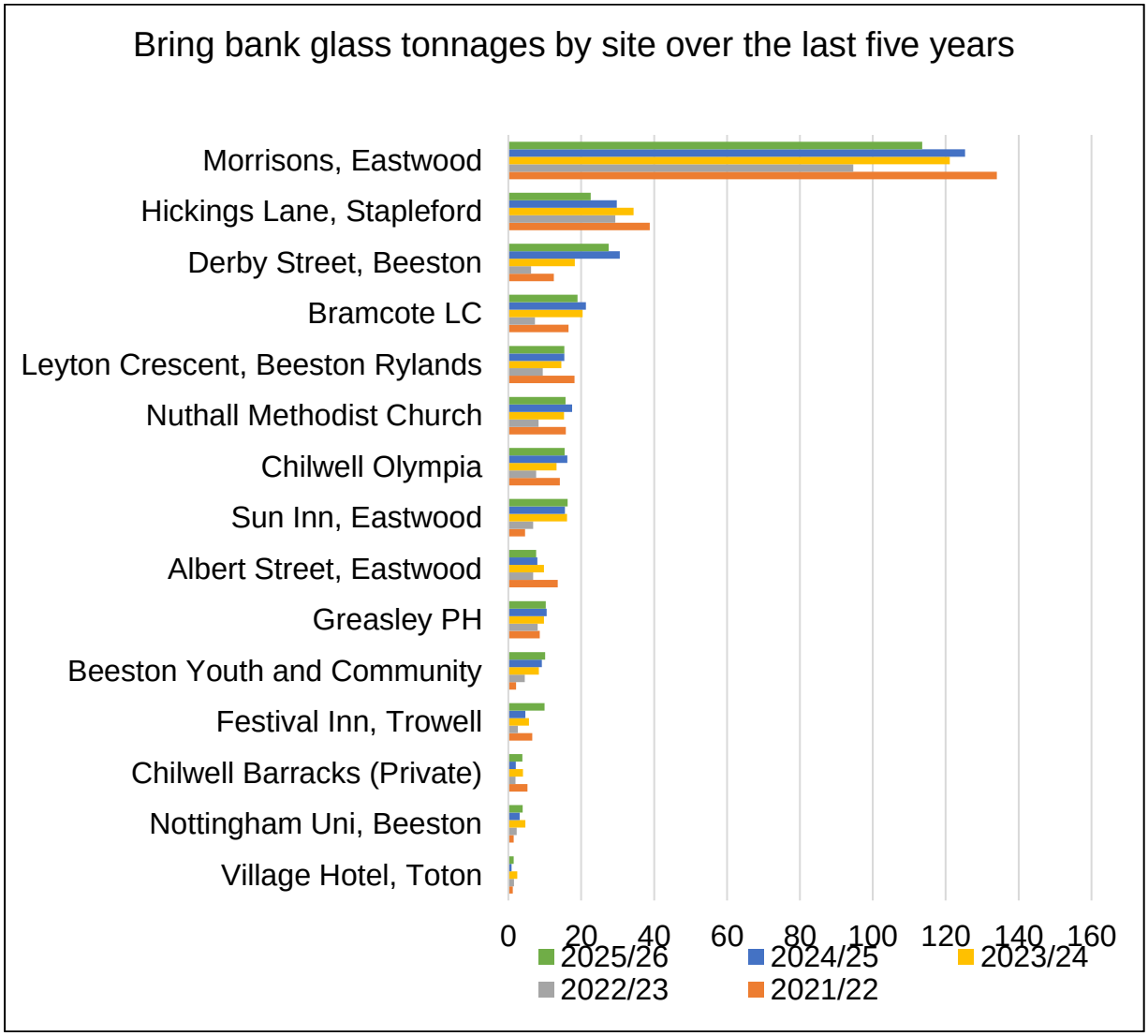


Figure 1: Collected glass recycling tonnages by site over the last five years.

A review of site tonnages indicates that a relatively small number of locations account for most of the material collected through the bring site network. This information should be considered alongside the investment required to maintain and replace existing infrastructure, the accessibility of sites, and the availability of kerbside recycling services when assessing future service provision.

As shown in Figure 2, tonnages collected through the bring banks have remained relatively consistent over the last five years, with annual collections ranging between approximately 225 and 345 tonnes. Following a reduction in overall tonnages in 2022/23, collection volumes recovered and have stabilised, indicating continued use of the network by residents. Glass remains the predominant material collected, accounting for most of the tonnage collected each year, whilst textiles and books make a smaller but consistent contribution to overall recycling performance.

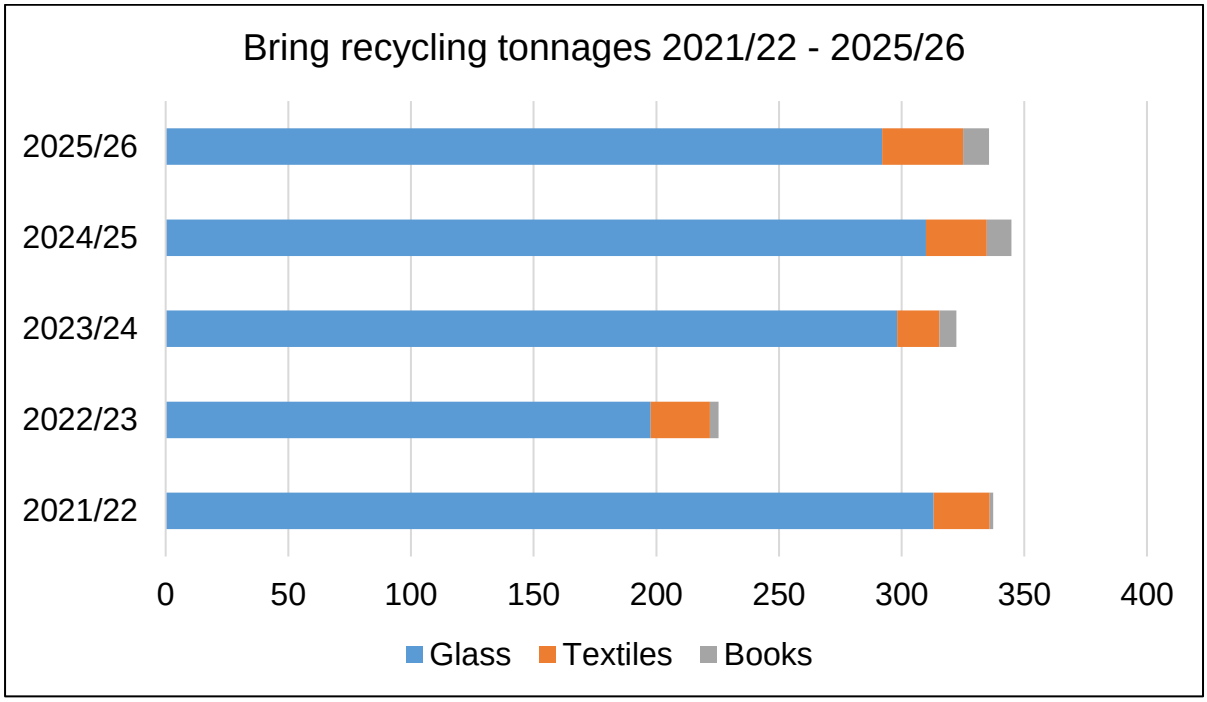


Figure 2: Bring recycling site tonnage by material 2021/22 – 2025/26

Figure 3 demonstrates the contribution of different recycling collection methods to the Borough's overall recycling performance. The data shows that kerbside recycling collections account for most of the material captured, with the green-lidded recycling bin representing the largest proportion of overall tonnage. Glass collected through kerbside services also makes a significant contribution. Whilst tonnages collected through bring recycling sites are comparatively lower, the data shows that the network continues to make a consistent contribution to the Borough's overall recycling rate, providing an additional recycling option for residents and complementing existing kerbside collection services.

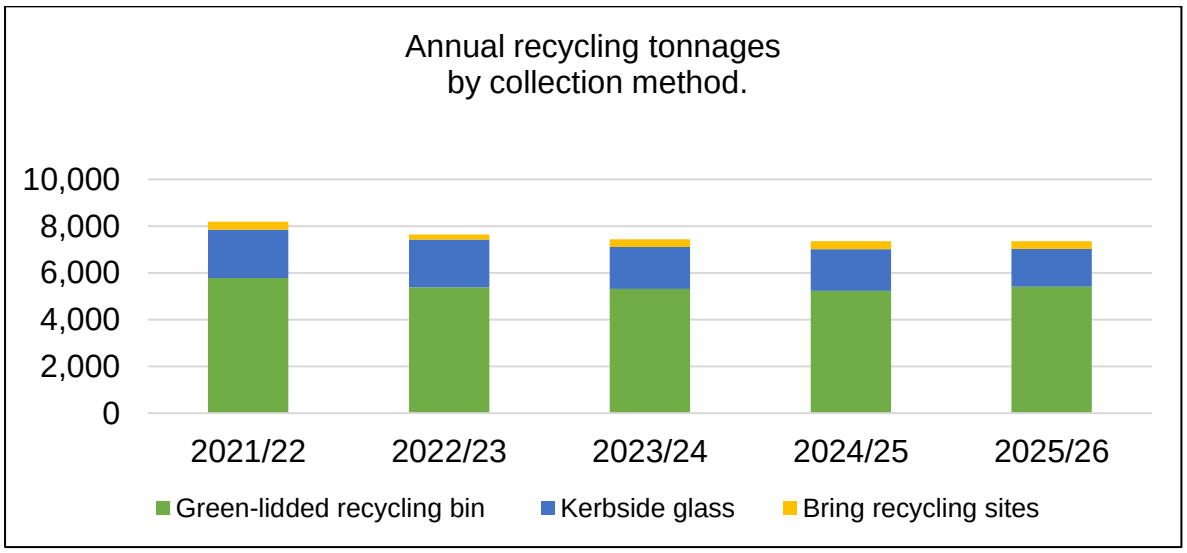


Figure 3: Annual recycling tonnages by collection method.

Recycling site investment



Image 1: Hickings Lane, Stapleford

Most of the Council's bring recycling infrastructure is now ageing and requires significant investment if the current network is to be retained. As shown in Image 1, the existing recycling banks are show all sites would require refurbishment works to improve their appearance, accessibility and ongoing usability.

Current estimates indicate that the replacement cost of a single glass recycling bank is around £500, with the cost of replacing all the banks estimated at £25,000. In addition, site refurbishment works, including surfacing, fencing, signage and general environmental improvements, are estimated to cost approximately £15,000 across the Borough. The total investment required to maintain the existing provision is therefore estimated to be in the region of £40,000.

The bring recycling site network generates £24,000 per annum in recycling credit income. However, the future of recycling credit payments remains uncertain following the introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) funding arrangements. Whilst the longer-term position is still emerging, there is potential for existing funding mechanisms to be incorporated into wider EPR payments, and therefore future income levels should not be assumed.

Moving forward

Given the changing role of bring recycling sites, the availability of comprehensive kerbside recycling collections and the investment required to sustain the current infrastructure, the future direction of bring recycling site provision across the borough as part of a broader review of recycling services needs to be considered.

The following options are presented as a starting point for discussion and are not intended to be exhaustive.

Option 1 - Retain and Invest

Continue to operate the existing bring recycling site network and invest in the replacement of ageing infrastructure to maintain current levels of provision across the Borough.

Option 2 - Rationalise Provision

Review and reduce the number of bring recycling sites, focusing investment on the highest-performing and most strategically located sites whilst removing underutilised locations.

Option 3 - Phase Out Bring Recycling Sites

Progressively withdraw bring recycling site provision, recognising that most recyclable materials are now collected through kerbside recycling services and that alternative recycling arrangements are available to residents.

Option	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages
Option 1: Retain and invest	Maintain the current network of 16 bring recycling sites and replace infrastructure as required.	• Maintains existing level of service across the Borough. • Retains a recycling option for residents with limited storage capacity. • Preserves recycling credit income. • Avoids reduction in local recycling facilities.	• Requires significant capital investment. • Duplicates services already available through kerbside collections for most materials. • Ongoing maintenance and replacement costs.
Option 2: Rationalise provision	Review site performance and retain only the highest-performing and most strategically located sites.	• Reduces capital investment requirements. • Retains a level of bring site provision across the Borough. • Focuses resources on the most heavily used locations. • Continues to generate some recycling credit income.	• Reduction in accessibility for some residents. • Potential public concern regarding closure of sites. • Reduction in overall tonnage captured through bring sites.

Option	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages
Option 3: Phase out bring recycling sites	Gradually remove bring recycling provision and rely primarily on kerbside collection services.	• Avoids future capital investment in replacement infrastructure. • Simplifies service delivery. • Reflects the shift towards kerbside recycling collections. • Reduces ongoing maintenance and servicing requirements.	• Loss of a recycling option for residents who prefer or rely on bring sites. • Loss of recycling credit income. • Potential impact on residents with limited storage space or specific recycling needs. • Potential reduction in overall recycling tonnage.

Table 3: Advantages and Disadvantages of suggested options

Equality Impact Assessment Considerations

At this stage, no changes to bring recycling site provision are proposed and, therefore, a full Equality Impact Assessment has not been completed. Should any of the options identified within this report be taken further, a detailed Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the subsequent appraisal process. This will ensure that the potential impacts on residents, particularly those with protected characteristics or who may be disproportionately affected by any changes to service provision, are fully considered before any decisions are made.

Next Steps

Given the availability of comprehensive kerbside recycling services, the ongoing contribution made by bring sites to the borough's recycling performance, and the level of investment required to sustain the current network, consideration should be given to the information and options presented within this report to determine whether a more detailed review of bring recycling site provision should form part of the Committee's future work programme.

Such a review could consider the options outlined within this report, alongside any alternative approaches to ensure the Council's recycling infrastructure remains effective, financially sustainable and aligned to resident needs. The review could also consider whether public consultation should be undertaken to inform any future proposals; however, this would be likely to extend the overall programme and would require approval through the appropriate decision-making process, including Cabinet approval where necessary.

Broxtowe Recycling Banks Review

Recycling Banks

According to the Broxtowe Website the council has 16 recycling banks in total across the Borough. Found in the towns of Beeston, Bramcote, Brinsley, Chilwell, Eastwood, Greasley, Nuthall and Trowell (Figure 1).



Figure 1: The current map of recycling banks within Broxtowe Borough Council

North Recycling Banks

All site visits for recycling banks in the northern area of Broxtowe were undertaken on 13 October 2026. There are currently five active recycling bank sites within the area. A recycling bank was previously located in Brinsley; however, as cartons (Tetra Paks) can now be recycled through the kerbside collection service, this facility is no longer considered necessary.

Across the five sites, all provide glass recycling facilities, two provide paper and cardboard recycling, and one provides clothing recycling. More detailed observations and recommendations for each site are provided in the relevant sections of this report.

Overall, it is recommended that a wider range of recycling facilities be provided at existing sites to improve accessibility for residents. During the review, it was also identified that the published postcode information for two sites is incorrect. These details will be updated by the Waste and Recycling Engagement Officer, with notes added to this report once the changes have been made. A high-priority recommendation is the provision of a recycling bank in Brinsley, as the area currently has no recycling bank facilities available. It is also recommended that glass recycling signage across the northern sites be updated to improve visibility and consistency.

South Recycling Banks

All site visits for recycling banks within the southern area of Broxtowe were undertaken on 20 October 2026. The south contains a total of eight active recycling bank sites, with a high concentration located within the Beeston area. According to the Council website, there are no Broxtowe-owned recycling banks located in Stapleford or Toton.

The sites provide a range of recycling facilities, with all eight locations accepting glass, six accepting clothing, and two accepting paper and cardboard. The availability of clothing banks across the area helps to ensure good accessibility for residents wishing to recycle unwanted textiles.

Site-specific observations and recommendations can be found within the relevant sections of this report. Overall, fewer improvements are required within the south compared to the north, as the majority of sites are operating effectively and do not require significant changes. Most recommendations relate to updating and improving signage, particularly for glass recycling, and ensuring sites are kept clean and free from broken glass to reduce potential health and safety risks for residents.

For online accessibility, it was identified that three of the recycling bank postcodes listed on the website are incorrect. These details will be updated by the Waste and recycling engagement officer, with notes added to this report once the changes have been made.

Beeston Recycling Banks

There are four recycling banks located within the Beeston area, which is the highest concentration out of all the recycling banks within the south area of Broxtowe. All within a 3-mile radius of each other.

Broadgate Park



Figure 2: a bird's eye view of the recycling bank location, with a red circle to identify the exact location of the food bank.

Website Information: The postcode listed on the website is incorrect. Whilst it directs users to Turnpike Lane, the recycling banks are located on Salthouse Lane, which has a different postcode.

Pre-visit records indicated the presence of glass recycling banks. A site inspection undertaken on 20 October 2026 identified two glass recycling banks and one British Heart Foundation clothing donation bank. The site was clean, well maintained and showed minimal evidence of glass deposits around the containers. Due to its location within university grounds and proximity to student accommodation, the site appears to be well positioned to encourage recycling amongst students. Vehicle access is more limited, as parking is primarily intended for residents.





Figure 3: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Broadgate park, details in Appendix 1

Recommendations

- Update the postcode information on the website.
- Continue monitoring the site to ensure adequate capacity is maintained during peak student occupancy periods.
- No maintenance works are currently required.

Derby Street (South) Car park



Figure 4: a birds eye view of the recycling bank at Derby Street, with a red circle to identify the exact location of the recycling banks

A site inspection undertaken confirmed the presence of four glass recycling banks. Small quantities of broken glass were observed around the containers; however, no significant hazards were identified. The location is easily accessible from Beeston Town Centre and access to the banks is unlikely to be obstructed by parked vehicles. The banks remain operational, although signage is faded and there is evidence of general wear and tear on the containers.



Figure 5: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Derby Street, details in Appendix 2

Recommendations

- Replace or update recycling bank signage.
- Consider refurbishment of the containers to improve their appearance.
- Continue routine cleansing of the site to remove broken glass deposits.

Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground

Website Information: The site address is correct; however, information regarding accepted materials requires updating.



Figure 6: a bird's eye view of the recycling bank at Leyton Crescent, with a red circle to identify the exact location of the recycling banks.

Oxfam clothing donation bank. No Tetra Pak recycling facility was present, which is likely due to the introduction of household carton collections through Simpler Recycling. The recycling banks are situated within a dedicated enclosed area and one recycling bank bay is currently vacant. A noticeable amount of broken glass was observed around the site. Whilst the containers were in reasonable condition, the signage has become faded and would benefit from replacement.



Figure 7: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Leyton Crescent, details in Appendix 3

Recommendations

- Update website information to reflect current recycling streams available on site.
- Remove broken glass and improve housekeeping within the recycling bank area.
- Replace faded signage.
- Review the vacant recycling bank bay and assess potential future uses.

Youth and Community Centre – Beeston



Website Information: The postcode listed on the website is incorrect.

Pre-visit records indicated facilities for glass, paper and cardboard, and clothing recycling. The site inspection confirmed that all three recycling streams were available. The site contained four glass recycling banks, three paper and cardboard recycling banks, and one clothing donation bank. Discussions with staff indicated that the facilities are regularly used by local residents. Occasional contamination issues were noted, with unsuitable materials such as metal being left at the site. The containers were generally in good condition with no significant structural concerns; however, the signage on both the glass and paper/cardboard banks was faded.



Figure 9: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Beeston Youth and community centre, details in Appendix 4

Recommendations

- Correct the postcode listed on the website.
- Replace faded signage across the site.
- Consider additional signage highlighting accepted materials to help reduce contamination.
- Continue routine monitoring of contamination levels.

Bramcote Recycling Banks



Observations

Bramcote contains a single recycling bank site. Website information states that residents can recycle both glass and clothing at this location. A site inspection confirmed that this information is accurate, with the site containing four glass recycling banks and two clothing donation banks.

The site also includes a public litter bin, which was observed to be at capacity at the time of inspection. The contents included a mixture of waste materials such as a broken umbrella, whilst a can of paint had been left beside the bin. Both clothing banks were full, with additional bags deposited around the containers, indicating that the site may be experiencing capacity issues for textile recycling.



Figure 11: Pictures of the Recycling banks Bramcote Leisure Centre, details in Appendix 5

of wear and tear. As observed at other recycling bank locations, the signage has become faded and would benefit from replacement. It should also be noted that the site is expected to close temporarily during the construction of the new leisure centre.

Recommendations

- Replace or update faded signage on all recycling banks.
- Arrange for the removal of fly-tipped items, including the paint can, and ensure the litter bin is emptied regularly.
- Review the capacity of the clothing banks and consider increasing collection frequencies prior to the site's temporary closure.
- Install clear signage informing residents of the temporary closure, including details of alternative nearby recycling bank locations where possible.
- Ensure website information is updated to reflect the temporary closure and any changes to recycling provision during the construction period.

Brinsley Recycling Banks

A site visit was undertaken by the Waste and Recycling Engagement Officer to the recycling bank located at Brinsley Parish Hall on 13 October 2026.

Pre-visit records indicated that a Tetra Pak recycling bank should have been present at this location. However, upon inspection, no Tetra Pak bank was found on site. This is consistent with the changes introduced through Simpler Recycling, whereby Tetra Pak cartons are now accepted through household kerbside recycling collections and therefore no longer require a dedicated bring bank.



However, the removal of the Tetra Pak bank means there are currently no recycling banks located within Brinsley. As a result, the nearest recycling bank available to residents is now situated in Eastwood. This may reduce the accessibility of recycling facilities for some residents who previously relied on the Brinsley location.

Recommendation

Given that the site previously accommodated a recycling bank and remains a recognised recycling location within the community, consideration should be given to reintroducing a bring-bank facility at Brinsley Parish Hall. Potential options could include the installation of a glass recycling bank and/or a clothing and textiles recycling bank. This would provide residents with a convenient local recycling outlet

and help maintain recycling provision within Brinsley following the removal of the former Tetra Pak bank.

Chilwell Recycling Banks

Chilwell contains two recycling bank sites. A review of the website information identified that the postcode listed for **Chilwell Olympia** is incorrect and should be updated.

Chilwell Olympia



The recycling banks are located at the rear of the car park adjacent to the football cages. Website information advises residents that glass, clothing and shoes, paper and card, and Tetra Paks can be recycled at this location.

A site inspection confirmed the presence of facilities for glass, clothing and shoes, and paper and card recycling. No Tetra Pak recycling bank was present; however,

this is likely due to the introduction of Simpler Recycling arrangements, which now allow cartons to be recycled through household collections.







Figure 13: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Chilwell Olympia, details in Appendix 6

The site was generally clean and well maintained, with no significant operational issues identified. The recycling banks appeared to be in reasonable condition. However, the signage on both the glass and recycling banks has become faded and would benefit from replacement.

Village Hotel



The site comprises two glass recycling banks located to the rear of the Village Hotel. The information provided on the Broxtowe website accurately reflects the recycling facilities available at this location.



Figure 15: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Village hotel, details in Appendix 7

Whilst the recycling banks are present and accessible, the site is difficult to locate due to the absence of directional signage. The surrounding area is surfaced with loose gravel and vegetation has become overgrown around the recycling banks, reducing the overall appearance of the site. Although these issues do not prevent use of the facility, they can impact accessibility and user experience.

The recycling banks themselves provide a reasonable amount of space for users and remain operational. However, the signage on the glass banks has faded and should be replaced.

Recommendations

- Update the postcode listed for Chilwell Olympia on the website.
- Review and amend website information regarding Tetra Pak recycling facilities as these are no longer provided.
- Replace faded signage at both recycling bank sites.
- Install directional signage at the Village Hotel site to improve visibility and accessibility for residents.
- Liaise with the site owner regarding the management of overgrown vegetation around the Village Hotel recycling banks.
- Consider undertaking improvements to the overall appearance of the Village Hotel site where feasible.
- Review the suitability of the Village Hotel location and assess whether relocation to a more visible and accessible location, such as the nearby retail park, could increase usage and accessibility for residents.

Eastwood Recycling Banks

Website note: The information on the website contains an incorrect postcode for The Sun Inn car park and should be updated to ensure residents can accurately locate the site

Out of all the recycling bank locations within the northern area of Broxtowe Borough, Eastwood has the highest concentration of sites, with three recycling banks located within approximately a 10-minute walking distance of one another, or less than half a mile apart at their furthest points.

Albert Street Car Park



Albert Street Car Park is the smallest of the three sites in terms of available space. The recycling bank is located within a narrow car park and consists of four glass recycling banks.



Figure 17: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Albert Street, details in Appendix 8

As with many of the other recycling sites inspected, the signage requires updating. Whilst new signage has been applied to indicate mixed glass recycling, it appears temporary and unprofessional in appearance, with some sections already peeling away. During the inspection, a moderate amount of broken glass was observed around the recycling banks, which presents a potential safety risk to residents using the site.

Star Inn Public Car Park



The recycling banks at Star Inn Public Car Park are situated at the far end of a large car park, away from the pub itself. The location provides a generous amount of surrounding space, allowing residents to access the banks easily without being obstructed by parked vehicles.



Figure 19: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Star Inn Public Car Park, details in

Initial observations suggested the site was relatively clean and tidy. However, closer inspection identified a significant amount of broken glass around the recycling area. Although much of the glass was contained within the perimeter barriers surrounding the banks, it still presents a potential safety concern that should be addressed. The recycling banks themselves were in reasonable condition, with no major damage noted, although the signage was faded and would benefit from replacement.

Morrisons Car Park



Morrisons Car Park is the largest recycling location of the three Eastwood sites. Not all recycling banks present are owned by the Council; however, the range of recycling opportunities available makes this a valuable facility for residents.

The site contains two Morrisons textile recycling banks, three Berryman glass recycling banks, and three Broxtowe glass recycling banks. During the visit, a bag of clothing was observed next to one of the textile banks, suggesting that the container may have been full. This is particularly noteworthy as it is currently the only textile recycling point available across the recycling bank sites in the northern area of the borough.



Figure 21: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Morrisons, details in Appendix 10

Whilst the site was generally tidy, the signage on several of the recycling banks was visibly worn and marked with scratches, reducing its effectiveness and overall appearance.

Recommendations

The following actions are recommended across the Eastwood recycling bank network:

- Update and standardise signage on all recycling banks to improve consistency and clarity.
- Replace temporary mixed-glass signage with permanent, professional signage.
- Increase cleaning and maintenance around glass banks, particularly at Albert Street Car Park and Star Inn Public Car Park, where broken glass presents a potential safety hazard.
- Consider reviewing the distribution of recycling facilities across Eastwood, as the three sites are located within close proximity to one another.
- Explore opportunities to replace some glass banks with alternative recycling facilities, such as textile or paper and cardboard banks, to provide a wider range of recycling options.
- Assess whether some recycling facilities could be relocated to areas currently underserved by recycling banks, improving accessibility for a wider range of residents.

Overall, the Eastwood sites are generally accessible and well used. However, improvements to signage, maintenance, and the strategic distribution of recycling banks could enhance both the appearance and effectiveness of the facilities.

Greasley Recycling

Website note: Information on the website is generally accurate. However, references to Tetra Pak recycling should be updated, as Tetra Pak cartons can now be recycled through household recycling collections and no longer require disposal at a recycling bank.

The recycling bank is located within the car park of the local community and sports centre, making it an accessible and well-used location. Due to the range of activities hosted at the centre, the site benefits from regular footfall and provides residents with a convenient opportunity to recycle whilst visiting the facility.



The recycling banks are spread across different sections of the car park, which initially made it unclear whether recycling facilities were available on site. In addition, several Veolia bulk bins were located nearby, which may be intended for business use and could potentially cause confusion for residents regarding which containers are available for public recycling.





Figure 23: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Greasley sports and community centre, details in Appendix 11

During the inspection, the paper and cardboard recycling banks were found to be contaminated and overfilled, with black bin bags observed within the containers. Like the findings at the Nuthall site, the signage across the recycling banks was found to be old, faded, and outdated. The paper and cardboard banks had limited visible information, making it unclear whether they were available for public use and what materials could be deposited within them.

Recommendations

Whilst the site benefits from a good location, adequate parking, and easy access for residents, the following improvements are recommended:

- Install clearer signage for both the glass and mixed recycling banks, or consider relocating the banks so they are grouped together within a single area of the car park.
- Update the glass bank signage to reflect current recycling arrangements, as glass no longer needs to be separated by colour.
- Replace and improve signage on the recycling banks to clearly identify acceptable materials and reduce contamination.
- Add signage identifying the recycling banks as a Broxtowe Borough Council facility to minimise confusion with the nearby trade waste containers.
- Monitor contamination levels within the paper and cardboard banks and arrange clearance where required.
- Consider the installation of a textiles recycling bank to provide an additional recycling opportunity for residents.

Overall, the site is well positioned and easily accessible; however, improvements to signage, bank layout, and contamination management would help enhance usability and reduce confusion for residents.

Nuthall Recycling Banks

Website note: The information on the website contains an incorrect postcode for this recycling bank location and should be updated to ensure residents can accurately locate the site.



The Nuthall Recycling Bank is located within the car park of the local Methodist Church and is relatively easy to access due to its open location.



Figure 25: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Nuthall Methodist Church, details in Appendix 13

The site consists of four glass recycling banks. However, with the introduction of simpler recycling, it is no longer necessary for residents to separate glass by colour, meaning all four banks could be labelled simply as glass recycling bins.

The site also contains two bulky recycling banks, both of which appeared to be moderately full at the time of inspection. A litter bin is provided adjacent to the recycling banks, allowing users to dispose of non-recyclable waste appropriately.

Overall, the site was found to be clean, tidy, and well maintained, with no significant operational issues observed. The only notable concern was that the stickers and signage on the bulky recycling banks have deteriorated and are now largely unreadable.

Recommendations

The site is generally in good condition and does not require any major improvements. However, the following actions are recommended:

- Update the glass bank signage to clearly state that any glass can be deposited in any of the bins, or replace the existing labels with a simple "Glass Recycling" sign.
- Replace the faded and unreadable stickers on the bulky recycling banks.
- Improve signage on the bulky recycling banks to make their purpose clearer to residents, particularly on the bank that features a slot opening in the lid, as its use may not be immediately obvious.
- Consider installing additional signage around the site to increase awareness of the recycling facilities available.

Overall, the recycling bank is clean, accessible, and functioning as intended, with only minor signage improvements required.

Trowell Recycling Banks



Website Notes: The website currently states that residents can recycle glass at this location. Whilst this information is correct, a site inspection identified additional recycling facilities that are not referenced online.

Observations

Trowell contains a single recycling bank site located to the rear of the Festival Inn. Website information states that residents can recycle glass at this location. A site inspection confirmed the presence of three glass recycling banks, along with a clothing and shoe recycling bank.



Figure 27: Pictures of the Recycling banks at Festival Inn, details in Appendix 14

The site was generally clean and well maintained, with only limited evidence of broken glass around the recycling banks. The containers themselves appeared to be in good condition, and no significant maintenance issues were identified. However, the signage on the glass banks is showing signs of age and wear and is becoming increasingly difficult to read.

Recommendations

- Replace or update the glass recycling bank signage to improve visibility and ensure recycling information remains clear to residents.
- Consider introducing a paper and cardboard recycling bank, as this is the only recycling bank location within Trowell and could provide residents with access to additional recycling facilities.

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee 19 November 2026

Report of the Director of Environment and Leisure

Update: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Council Parks

1. Purpose of Report

To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on progress against the ten recommendations from its review of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) within the Borough's parks, including achievements to date and the status of each recommendation since the previous update presented on 25 September 2025.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

3. Detail

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed ten recommendations following its review of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) within the Borough's parks on 28 November 2024. A progress update was subsequently presented to the Committee on 25 September 2025.

This report provides a further update on progress made against each of the ten recommendations, which is is summarised in **Appendix 1**, including actions completed, ongoing work and the status of delivery. An updated accessibility audit of the Borough's parks and play areas is provided in **Appendix 2**.

The review has delivered benefits beyond the implementation of the individual recommendations. The learning arising from the review has directly informed the development of the new Parks and Play Strategy, where accessibility and inclusivity are now a fundamental strategic pillar, ensuring these principles continue to shape future investment and improvements across the Borough's parks and play spaces.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer were as follows:

The actions arising from this Equality, Diversity and Inclusion review continue to inform the Council's approach to future parks investment. Any capital expenditure associated with the recommendations will be considered and prioritised through the development of the Capital Programme for 2027/28 and beyond, with schemes subject to the normal budget-setting and approval processes.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Head of Legal Services were as follows:

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. The actions being undertaken in response to the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) review support the Council's ongoing obligations under the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty, which requires public authorities to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. Any future projects or proposals arising from the recommendations will be progressed in accordance with the Council's statutory duties and governance processes.

6. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

7. Union Comments

Not applicable.

8. Climate Change Implications

Not applicable.

9. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment

Not applicable.

11. Background Papers

Nil.

Appendix 1

This appendix provides an update on progress against the ten recommendations agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following its review of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) within the Borough's parks. It outlines the actions undertaken since the last update report presented on 25 September 2025 and the current position in relation to each recommendation.

Progress on Recommendations:

Recommendation 1

That all entrances to parks are audited, to allow wheelchair/mobility access where possible.

An audit was undertaken of all park entrances to assess wheelchair and mobility scooter accessibility. The audit indicated that accessibility improvements would require approximately £49,000, which formed the basis of the 2026/27 capital programme for the Pride in Parks initiative. An update on these actions is provided in **Appendix 2**.

The Parks and Play Strategy Review is nearing completion and will be considered by the Policy and Overview Working Group before being submitted to Cabinet for final adoption in January 2027. The strategy provides the framework for future investment in the Borough's parks and play facilities and has supported the development of a prioritised three-year capital programme covering 2027/28 to 2029/30.

A longer-term indicative programme is also in place and will be reviewed and updated over time to reflect the findings of annual Parks Surveys and park audits.

Recommendation 2

Where a play park is fenced around, to ensure the access gate for a wheelchair is close to any accessible/inclusive play equipment or to consider the surface for the travel to the equipment.

Good progress has been made in delivering the objectives of Recommendation 2. The updated Parks and Play Strategy places a stronger emphasis on equality, accessibility and inclusivity, ensuring these principles are embedded within the planning and delivery of future park improvements.

This approach has been incorporated into recently completed refurbishment projects, including Eastcote Avenue, Bramcote, and Coronation Park, Eastwood. It will also inform planned improvement works at Flixton Road, Kimberley, and Queen Elizabeth Park, Stapleford, where proposals include enhancements to surfacing, play provision and site layouts. Equality and inclusivity considerations will continue to be reflected in the design and delivery of all schemes identified within the forward capital programme.

Recommendation 3

Where possible, that every play park in the Borough has access to a minimum of one piece of accessible/inclusive play equipment.

Of the Council's 37 parks with equipped play areas, 33 currently provide at least one item of accessible play equipment. Building on this, the updated Parks and Play Strategy places a stronger emphasis on accessibility and inclusivity, ensuring these considerations are embedded within the planning, design and improvement of play facilities across the Borough. This approach will help inform future investment and refurbishment programmes, supporting the continued development of more accessible and inclusive parks and play spaces.

Recommendation 4

To introduce further sensory play panels to the parks with some possibly away from climbing frames in quiet areas.

A sensory play panel was incorporated as part of the recent play area refurbishment at Eastcote Avenue, Bramcote. Sensory play features have also been included within the approved designs for improvements at Queen Elizabeth Park, Stapleford, and Flixton Road Open Space, Kimberley.

The provision of sensory play opportunities will continue to be considered as part of future refurbishment and replacement programmes, with installations assessed on a site-by-site basis. Where appropriate, features will be located within quieter areas of parks to provide a range of play experiences and support the ongoing enhancement of accessibility and inclusivity across the Borough's parks and open spaces.

Recommendation 5

When replacing play equipment that a double slide be provided instead of a single slide option.

Double slide provision is being considered as part of future play area refurbishment and replacement schemes where appropriate. This approach has already been incorporated into the Flixton Road play area refurbishment, where a double slide is included within the proposed design. Similar opportunities will continue to be assessed through the ongoing parks and play improvement programme to enhance the range of play experiences available across the Borough.

Recommendation 6

Exploring options to provide sensory gardens in parks and, where appropriate, to provide a sensory experience for all users to touch, smell, hear and see. To consider utilising parks already established with garden areas in the first instance.

The Parks and Open Spaces team has delivered a sensory garden at Bramcote Hills Park, located at the entrance to the walled garden. The scheme includes sensory planting, a rain garden that supports biodiversity and sustainable drainage, and

improved surfacing to enhance accessibility. A dedicated disabled parking area has also been provided adjacent to the walled garden to improve access to the site.

The project has been positively received, with a group of volunteers coming forward to support the ongoing maintenance and development of the area. Building on this success, opportunities to incorporate similar features at other suitable locations across the Borough are being considered as part of future capital improvement programmes and the Council's wider approach to enhancing accessibility, inclusivity and biodiversity within its parks and open spaces.

Recommendation 7

To provide signage across all parks for users to establish areas of rewilding, butterfly and bee planting, sensory and park areas.



The Parks and Open Spaces team has continued to enhance biodiversity and environmental awareness across the Borough's parks. More than 40 "Bee Friendly in Broxtowe" signs have been installed at locations where wildflower grassland habitats have been established to support pollinators and promote understanding of their environmental benefits.

New park information signage, designed in the Council's corporate style and incorporating nature-themed elements, has also been introduced. These signs are being installed as part of park improvement and refurbishment projects and provide information on key features such as orchards, wildlife habitats and sensory areas.

The team is also implementing changes to planting and landscape management practices, with an increased focus on perennial-led planting schemes to enhance biodiversity, reduce maintenance requirements and improve long-term sustainability. In addition, a programme of seasonal bed management has been introduced to support soil health and promote stronger planting displays in future years.

Recommendation 8

To consider the toilet options in large multi-use parks that are not near town centre facilities.

Progress continues to be made in relation to the potential expansion of toilet provision within the Borough's parks. A feasibility study has been completed for Bramcote Hills Park, with the Economic Development team now progressing the project through the next stage of development. This will help inform future decisions regarding the provision of additional facilities within the Borough's parks.

Recommendation 9

To consider accessibility/inclusive benches as standard across all parks in the Borough and investigate the triangular benches with back supports as the standard park bench.

Accessible and inclusive seating has been adopted as the standard specification for new and replacement benches across the Borough's parks and green spaces. This approach is being incorporated through the Council's ongoing investment programme, ensuring accessibility and inclusivity considerations continue to be embedded within park improvement and refurbishment projects.

Recommendation 10

The results from the Parks Survey are made available to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Parks Standards Survey has been completed, and the results are currently being analysed. A report setting out the findings will be presented to Cabinet in January 2027. Following consideration by Cabinet, the outcomes will be shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to support ongoing improvements to the Borough's parks and open spaces.

Appendix 2

Park Accessibility Audit

Area	Name of park.	Number of entrance points onto the park?	How many are accessible for wheelchair users?	How many could be made accessible?	Progress since September 2025
Attenborough	Long Lane	1	1 to playground	N/A	N/A
Awsworth	Meadow Road Open Space	2	1	1	Widening of access point organised. This will allow scooters and wheelchairs easy access into the open space. Completion December 2026.
Beeston	Beeston Fields	2	2	N/A	N/A
Beeston	Broadgate Park	5	5	N/A	N/A
Beeston	Dovecote Lane	4	4	N/A	N/A
Beeston	Hetley Pearson	4	3	1	Path repair works complete around pavilion and car parking. Additional path surfacing near play area at design stage, implementation anticipated January 2027.

Area	Name of park.	Number of entrance points onto the park?	How many are accessible for wheelchair users?	How many could be made accessible?	Progress since September 2025
Beeston	Leyton Crescent	3	3	N/A	N/A
Beeston	Weirfields	3	3	N/A	N/A
Bramcote	Alexandrina Plantation	4	2	1	Widening of access point organised. This will allow double buggies, scooters and wheelchairs easier access into the open space. Completion January 2027.
Bramcote	Bramcote Hills Park	6	5	0 - (Steps off Coventry Lane)	N/A
Bramcote	Eastcote Avenue Open Space	3	3	N/A	N/A
Bramcote	King Georges Park	2	1	0	N/A
Bramcote	Sandgate Open Space	5	3	0 - Steps due to incline	N/A

Area	Name of park.	Number of entrance points onto the park?	How many are accessible for wheelchair users?	How many could be made accessible?	Progress since September 2025
Brinsley	Brinsley Headstocks	6	5	0 - Steps under bridge	N/A
Chilwell	Cator Lane	3	3	N/A	N/A
Chilwell	Chetwynd Road	4	3	1	Accessible gates fabricated and ready for installation. Installation anticipated January 2027.
Chilwell	Inham Nook	5	5	N/A	N/A
Chilwell	Sherman Drive Open Space	5	5	N/A	N/A
Chilwell	Swiney Way Open Space	2	2	N/A	N/A
Chilwell	Eskdale Drive Open Space/Field Lane Est	3	2	0 Steps	N/A
Eastwood	Coronation Park	6	5	1	Complete. Access point widened, gates adjusted to allow scooter/wheelchair easy access.

Area	Name of park.	Number of entrance points onto the park?	How many are accessible for wheelchair users?	How many could be made accessible?	Progress since September 2025
Eastwood	Hall Park	2	1	1	Minor modifications to access point complete, allowing easy negotiation with wheelchair/scooter . Additional measures at design stage to maintain security, implementation anticipated February 2027.
Eastwood	Jubilee Park	2	1	1	Complete. Accessible entrance points installed, coordinated with height restriction for unauthorised vehicles.
Eastwood	Mansfield Road	4	4	N/A	N/A
Giltbrook	Smithurst Road Open Space	14	10	4	Improved access points designed. Works out for quoting, implementation anticipated January/February 2027.
Giltbrook	Acorn Avenue Open Space	1	0	1	Widening of access point organised. This will allow scooters and wheelchairs unrestricted access into the open space.

Area	Name of park.	Number of entrance points onto the park?	How many are accessible for wheelchair users?	How many could be made accessible?	Progress since September 2025
					Completion anticipated February 2027.
Kimberley	Flixton Road Open Space	4	2	2	Improved access points to be installed to coincide with playground upgrade, anticipated March 2027.
Kimberley	Hall Om Wong Open Space	7	3	4	Accessible modifications to entrance points being designed. The presence of tree roots and significant changes in level will limit works to two access points. Changes to be complete by March 2027.
Kimberley	Millfield Road Open Space	4	0	3	Complete. Access point from Millfield Road widened and improved.
Newthorpe	Colliers Wood	5	5	N/A	N/A
Nuthall	Redbridge Drive	3	3	N/A	N/A

Area	Name of park.	Number of entrance points onto the park?	How many are accessible for wheelchair users?	How many could be made accessible?	Progress since September 2025
Nuthall	The Spinney Open Space	1	0	1	Complete. Accessible path to play area installed October 2026.
Nuthall	Castleton Court Open Space	2	2	0	N/A
Nuthall	College Way Open Space	2	2	N/A	N/A
Stapleford	Archers Field	4	0	4	Path surfacing and access point improvement scheme in design. Installation anticipated March 2027.
Stapleford	Central Avenue	1	1	N/A	N/A
Stapleford	Hemlock Stone Open Space	2	1	0	N/A
Stapleford	Hickings Lane	7	3	4	Initial path widening and temporary surfacing organised with contractor – works to be completed Feb 2027. Larger

Area	Name of park.	Number of entrance points onto the park?	How many are accessible for wheelchair users?	How many could be made accessible?	Progress since September 2025
					path surfacing scheme in design for 2027/28 financial year.
Stapleford	Ilkeston Road	4	4	N/A	N/A
Stapleford	Judson Avenue Open Space	2	0	2	Gate modification organised, contractor due on site January 2027.
Stapleford	Pasture Road	4	2	1	New access points designed and costed, installation due February 2027.
Stapleford	Queen Elizabeth Park	2	2	Vehicle gates for entrances	Improved access points designed and fully costed. Works to be coordinated with play area upgrade March 2027.
Toton	Banks Road Open Space	4	3	1	Modifications to entrance points at design stage, contractor to be appointed, completion anticipated February 2027.
Toton	Manor Farm	4	4	N/A	N/A

Area	Name of park.	Number of entrance points onto the park?	How many are accessible for wheelchair users?	How many could be made accessible?	Progress since September 2025
Trowell	Pit Lane	3	2	N/A	Minor modifications to access point complete. Additional measures at design stage.
Trowell	Trowell Park Open Space	7	4	3	Modifications to entrance points allowing easier access for mobility scooters to be completed February 2027.
Watnall	Watnall Green	4	4	N/A	N/A
Watnall	Watnall Spinney	3	1	1	Modifications to entrance points allowing easier access for mobility scooters to be completed February 2027.
Watnall	Buckingham Way Open Space	2	2	N/A	N/A
Watnall	Chilton Drive Open Space	4	4	4	N/A
Watnall	Corbierre Avenue Open Space	3	2	1	Modifications to entrance points allowing easier access for

Area	Name of park.	Number of entrance points onto the park?	How many are accessible for wheelchair users?	How many could be made accessible?	Progress since September 2025
					mobility scooters to be completed February 2027.
Chilwell	Sandby Court Open Space	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Beeston	The Willows Open Space	1	1	N/A	N/A
Giltbrook	Halls Lane, Wessex Drive	6	4	2	
Broxtowe	Nottingham Canal	Over 30	20	10	Ramps installed at 3 bridge crossing points. Surfaced path to Robinettes arm completed. Accessible gate and safety fencing ordered for Dead Lane. Additional works at design stage, completion on site anticipated March 2027.

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Cabinet **3 November 2026**

Report of the Leader of the Council

Cabinet Work Programme

1. Purpose of Report

Cabinet is asked to approve its Work Programme, including potential key decisions that will help to achieve the Council's key priorities and associated objectives.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that the Work Programme, including key decisions, be approved.

3. Detail

The Work Programme for future meetings is set out below. Key decisions and exempt items are marked with *.

1 December 2026	• Local Government Reorganisation Update • Garden waste subscription fees 2027/28 • Trade Waste Charges - 2027/28 • Council Tax Base 2024/25+ • Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2023/24+ • Housing Benefit - War Pension Disregard+ • Climate Change and Green Futures Interim Report+ • Restructure Environmental Health, Licensing and Private Sector Housing *Exempt* • Review and Additions to the Private Sector Housing Disabled Facilities Grants Policy+ (From POWG) • Parks & Play Strategy (From POWG) • Hate Crime Strategy 2026/29 (From POWG) • Vulnerable Person Strategy (From POWG) • Substance Misuse Strategy (From POWG) • Serious Organised Crime Strategy *Exempt* (From POWG) • Broxtowe Local Plan – Update • Parks Standard • Food Waste – Expansion of Establishment*

4. Key Decisions

This is not key decision.

5. Financial Implications

There are no additional financial implications.

REFERENCE

6. Legal Implications

   The terms of reference are set out in the Council's constitution. It is good practice to include a work programme to help the Council manage the portfolios.

7. Human Resources Implications

   There are HR implications purely from the point of view of clarifying roles and responsibilities of Council Officers and responsibilities of partner agencies as required.

8. Union Comments

   Not applicable.

9. Climate Change Implications

   Not applicable.

10. Data Protection Compliance Implications

    This report does not contain OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information. There are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

11. Equality Impact Assessment

    There are no Equality Impact Assessment issues.

12. Background Papers

    Nil.

REFERENCE

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Scrutiny Work Programme

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to make Members aware of matters proposed for and undergoing scrutiny. This is in accordance with all the Council's priorities.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to CONSIDER the report and RESOLVE to agree subjects to be considered for review including those submitted as suggestions for scrutiny.

3. Detail

Details of the reviews currently suggested on the work programme are within **Appendix 1**.

Members may wish to consider new topics using the criteria below for their current programme:

- Issues identified by Members as a key issue for the public
- Issue has a significant local impact
- Significant public dissatisfaction (e.g. through complaints)
- Issue raised by auditors
- New government guidance/legislation
- New evidence provided by external organisation
- Poor performance (e.g. evidence from performance indicators)
- High level budgetary commitment
- Pattern of budgetary overspending.

The work programme for business to be discussed at upcoming meetings are as follows:

18 January 2027	• Budget Proposals and Associated Strategies • Environmental Enforcement
19 January 2027	• Budget Proposals and Associated Strategies
TBC February 2027	• Missed Bins Review
25 March 2027	• Consideration of an Annual Scrutiny Work Programme • Trade Waste

4. Financial Implications

   The comments from the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer were as follows:

   There are no additional financial implications.

5. Legal Implications

   The comments from the Head of Legal Services were as follows:

   The terms of reference are set out in the Council's Constitution. It is good practice to include a work programme to help the Council manage the portfolios.

6. Human Resources Implications

   Not applicable.

7. Union Comments

   Not applicable.

8. Climate Change Implications

   This report does not contain any climate change implications.

9. Data Protection Compliance Implications

   This report does not contain OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information. There are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment

    There are no Equality Impact Assessment issues.

11. Background Papers

    Nil.

Appendix 1

1. Topics agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

	Topic	Topic suggested by	Link to corporate priorities/values
1.	Budget Consultation	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	All Corporate Priorities.
2.	Building Control	Councillor B C Carr agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to put on hold. Awaiting the outcome of a report to Cabinet.	A good quality home for everyone.

2. Update items

	Title	Length	Expected date	Link to corporate priority
1.	Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion in Council Parks	*Update paper*	June 2026	Invest in our towns and our people
2.	Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion at the D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Heritage Museum	*Update papers*	June 2026	A safe place for everyone; healthy and supported communities
3.	Cemetery memorials	*Update paper*	June 2026	Protect the environment for the future

3. Items referred from Cabinet

	Title	Details	Expected date	Link to corporate priority
1.	Renters Rights Act 2025 - Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy	At its 2 June meeting, Cabinet resolved that '*The Overview & Scrutiny Committee be requested to conduct regular reviews of the progress and implementation of the Policy*.' This is to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18 June, and a decision taken on whether it should be scrutinised.	*To be determined*	Invest in our towns and our people