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**ENVIRONMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
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**RECYCLING OF WASTE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

**1 Purpose of Briefing Note**

- 1.1 To provide an update on the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) service offered by the Council.

**2 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Environment Policy Development Committee consider the information regarding recycling of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE).

**3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 The Council provides a service to enable households to recycle small electrical appliances through recycling banks and a kerbside collection service.
- 3.2 During the last 15 months a total of 5.3 tonnes of WEEE has been collected, details of which are set out in paragraph 5.5.

**4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities**

- 4.1 The recycling of WEEE makes a small contribution to the service aim to "increase the reuse and recycling of waste" which forms part of the agreed 2013-14 "Place" (Environment) Priority Delivery Plan (PDP).
- 4.2 The PDP also includes a target of 54% for the percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting.

**5 Detail**

- 5.1 The Council provides a recycling service to enable households to dispose of small electrical appliances (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)) such as hairdryers, kettles and irons.

- 5.2 A facility was initially provided as part of the recycling bank at the Cannock Sainsbury's car park in October 2011 and was extended to the recycling banks at the Cannock Asda car park and the Rugeley Forge Road car park in 2012.
- 5.3 In January 2013 the facility was further extended through the introduction of a kerbside collection service, which operates on the same day as the blue recycling bins. Electrical items must be placed in a carrier bag alongside the blue bin in order that they are separated from other recycling materials.
- 5.4 The service is promoted via the Council's website and on the side of the recycling collection vehicles.
- 5.5 Details of the WEEE which have been collected during the last 15 months are set out below:-

	<u>2012-13</u> <u>(Tonnes)</u>	<u>2013-14</u> <u>First Quarter</u> <u>(Tonnes)</u>
Recycling Banks	2.93	0.69
Kerbside Collection	0.68 * <sup>1</sup>	1.00 (estimated)
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	3.61	1.69
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Note

\*<sup>1</sup> For the period January to March 2013.