

**TO: LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
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**SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013 IMPLEMENTATION  
Chief Officer: Environment and Public Protection**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report provides detail on the implementation of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 (the Act) which came into force on 1 October 2013.

**2 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Act provides for two different types of licences - a site licence and a mobile collector licence (carrying on business otherwise than at a site). Both licences will be valid for three years from the date of issue.
- 2.2 A site licence requires all of the sites at which the licensee carries on the business as a scrap metal dealer within the local authority area to be identified and a site manager to be named for each site. They will then be permitted to operate from those sites as a scrap metal dealer, including transporting scrap metal to and from those sites from any local authority area.
- 2.3 The mobile collector licence will authorise the licensee to operate as a mobile collector in the area of the issuing local authority, permitting them to collect any scrap metal as appropriate. This includes commercial as well as domestic scrap metal. The licence does not permit the collector to collect from any other local authority area. A separate licence should be obtained from each local authority from which the individual wishes to collect in. A collector's licence does not authorise the licensee to carry on a business at a site within any area.
- 2.4 At the time of writing this report, the Council has received four applications for site licences and six applications for mobile collector licences. A consultation exercise was carried out with various bodies including the Environment Agency and Thames Valley Police, with no adverse comments received in respect of any of the applications. The licences are in the process of being issued and joint enforcement operations are planned with Thames Valley Police for early 2014 to ensure that persons acting as scrap metal dealers in the Bracknell Forest borough are appropriately licensed.
- 2.5 The new arrangements in respect of scrap metal dealer licensing will be reported to a future meeting of this Committee.

**3 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 3.1 None.

**4 STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 4.1 None.

Unrestricted

Background Papers

None

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