

**Corporate Scrutiny Committee – 15 December 2021**

**Written question from Jenny Hicks of Sandown and Lake, to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee**

## ***Question***

Regarding recycling of goods at the local amenity sites on Isle of Wight, can the Council look at implementing access and licence to allow a small amount of recyclers to approach residents at the tips to take away items that they may be able to upcycle like a TV programme I have seen?

On the TV programme Money for Nothing, I have witnessed, one person has been granted allowance from local Council at the amenity site. Then they upcycle and reuse or sell items that get smashed up and thrown on landfill site! We must look to the future and encourage reuse of materials for sustainability.

## ***Response***

The council's contract with Amey does include a re-use service for reusable items collected at the kerbside and deposited in the re-use skip at the Household Waste Recycling Centres. Reusable items collected go to a range of charities for resale to support the charities, including paint, furniture and bric-a-brac. Further, when the works at Forest Road are complete, the contract will require the facilitation of a reuse shop to directly sell items collected.

We do not allow totting (direct collection or approaching visitors) directly at the sites for personal privacy and health and safety reasons.

Any charity or business who is interested in discussing the availability of reusable items for reuse in a charity or other setting can contact the waste team at [waste.contract@iow.gov.uk](mailto:waste.contract@iow.gov.uk).