



Date: 4th October 2018

Title: Report Item 7 – Clothing Bank

By: K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

Purpose: To report on a request received from a commercial textile recycling company

Recommendations: To note the report and consider whether to allow a space in the Downlands Precinct to be rented for a clothing bank

The parish council has been approached with the following request:

I am from Rag Solutions Int Ltd, we are a textile recycling company based in Kent. I am writing to ask if your council would be so kind and give us permission to place a clothes bank in your council grounds.

If we were allowed to place clothes banks in your council grounds, not only would we empty them weekly and clean the area but we could offer a monetary amount per month - meaning if we were to place banks in your grounds we would give you **£400 per tonne clothes collected** or standard rental of **£70 p/m** for each bank.

We are happy to share the recycling points with other charities or commercial collectors, if you already have one.

I look forward to hearing from you.

The parish council did previously permit recycling of paper etc. to be done at the end of the Downlands precinct, but following the change to doorstep recycling the area was reclaimed for two parking bays. The parking bays have not been popular, being slightly difficult to access. Would the council be interested in letting all or part of this area be used for recycling again?