

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives	<i>Prosperity</i> This priority focuses on safeguarding and enhancing our unique mix of rural and urban communities, promoting sustainable, economic opportunities and delivering cost effective services.
Consultation:	<i>Not applicable</i>
Legal:	The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 gives local authorities the power grant site and collector licences to scrap metal dealers. It allows the local authority to better regulate the industry by allowing them to refuse to grant a licence to 'unsuitable' applicants and a power to revoke licences if the dealer becomes 'unsuitable'.
Financial:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The fees will be reviewed after a year in October 2014 when the authority has a better idea of the number of applications received and the time taken to issue the licences. This may result in either a surplus or deficit based on the current fees, which can be carried forward.• The implications can then be considered as part of the annual budget setting process which includes a review of fees and charges.• The relatively low numbers of applications expected mean that the impact on resources of any of the assumptions being inaccurate is likely to be minimal.
Human Resource:	<i>Not applicable</i>
Risk Management:	Applications must be accompanied by a fee so if a figure is not set the local authority will not be able to carry out its statutory function. If the scheme of delegation is not approved then all decisions under the Act will have to be made by Executive with the subsequent time and cost implications.