

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	6 March 2012
Title:	Relocation of Eastleigh Household Waste Recycling Centre
Reference:	3585
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the principles of the relocation of the existing Eastleigh Household Waste Recycling Centre in Woodside Avenue, Eastleigh to a new site on Stoney Croft Rise, Off Chestnut Avenue, Chandlers Ford, to be developed by way of external funding, be approved, subject to a successful planning application being obtained and an agreement reached on the land transaction that is approved by the Executive Member Policy and Resources.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The existing Eastleigh household waste recycling centre (HWRC) is a small single level site with traffic congestion issues.
- 2.2. Eastleigh Borough Council has applied for and been granted planning permission for development off Woodside Avenue incorporating the Eastleigh allotments and the land occupied by the existing HWRC. Because of the traffic generated by the HWRC, its relocation is a pre-condition to Eastleigh Borough Council implementing its planning permission. Therefore, subject to Eastleigh Borough Council securing planning consent for the new facility, Eastleigh Borough Council has offered Hampshire County Council the land off Chestnut Avenue as a potential new HWRC site.
- 2.3. Eastleigh Borough Council will meet the cost of providing a new, split level facility, including Eastleigh Borough Council obtaining all the necessary approvals, including full planning permission, in exchange for the County Council closing its existing site and transferring the freehold to Eastleigh Borough Council, once the new HWRC becomes fully operational.

2.4. Development of a new split-level HWRC on Stoney Croft Rise will ensure:

- a) Quicker throughput of customers as the site will no longer need to close for bin servicing due to the split level design.
- b) Improved health and safety on the site by removing the steps to access the bins due to the split level design.
- c) Removal of queuing from outside the HWRC by increasing the size of the new split level HWRC and creating on-site stacking capacity for up to 45 cars compared with a maximum of 6 on the current site (based on feasibility design).
- d) Increase in the on-site car parking spaces from 8 at the existing site to 28 vehicles at the new site, including 2 bays for disabled drivers (based on feasibility design).
- e) Increase in the number of waste container bins from 9 at the existing site to 19 at the new site (based on feasibility design).

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. The option to turn down the proposal by Eastleigh Borough Council was considered and rejected, as this would prevent the residential and commercial development on Woodside Avenue from proceeding. Whilst relocation of the existing Eastleigh HWRC is not a priority for Hampshire County Council the benefit of a new split level facility for the residents of Eastleigh is recognised.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

6 March 2012

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor M J Kendal**

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