

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	22 January 2013
Title:	Household Waste Recycling Centre Cross Border Charging
Reference:	4634
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That approval be given to conclude negotiations leading to the settlement of presented claims based on forecast tonnages.
- b) That, based on forecast tonnages, these claims be included in the annual approved budgeting process for Waste and Resource Management's contract budgets going forward.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. This paper is brought forward further to the decision regarding the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Service Provision Review (SPR) and the implementation of subsequent trials that was undertaken in June 2012¹.
- 2.2. In evaluating HWRC service provision across the County it has been recognised that there is a service gap in the north of Hampshire.
- 2.3. Previously, Hampshire County Council has worked with West Berkshire Council to assist it in providing a service to its residents at the Paices Hill site near Tadley, where the facility was also accessible to north Hampshire residents. This site closed in 2008.

¹ Link to EMET Decision Day (12 June 2012) Household Waste Recycling Centre Service Provision Review documents:
http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemsummary.htm?pref=Y&tab=1&item_ID=3799&cancel=n

- 2.4. West Berkshire Council has, through its PFI contract with Veolia Environmental Services, built two new HWRCs both of which are within a couple of miles of the Hampshire/Berkshire border.
- 2.5. Due to financial pressures and significant use of these sites by Hampshire residents, West Berkshire Council has again requested Hampshire's assistance, via a financial contribution based on site usage, to the management and operation of its sites.
- 2.6. In recognition of the fact that these sites provided a place for Hampshire residents to deposit their bulky household waste, and in the absence of a similar facility in the north of Hampshire, this request has been viewed positively.
- 2.7. Further assessment has suggested that making a payment to West Berkshire Council is economically more advantageous to Hampshire as it is only being asked to pay a contribution, proportionate to the number of Hampshire users, rather than having to finance all capital and operational costs associated with providing its own site.
- 2.8. Hampshire County Council has also taken the step of opening discussions with the Dorset Waste Partnership regarding the usage of the Somerley HWRC, in west Hampshire, by Dorset residents in order to try to offset some of the management and operational costs of that site.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Introducing a permit scheme for "in county" residents to enable access to HWRCs.
- 3.2. Charging out of county residents.
- 3.3. Banning out of county residents.
- 3.4. Hampshire County Council taking on the management responsibility for West Berkshire Council's HWRCs.
- 3.5. Providing a new site for Hampshire residents to fill the North Hampshire service gap (at least in the short/medium term).

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 Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor M J Kendal	Date: 22 January 2013
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