

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	4 November 2014
Title:	Household Waste Recycling Centres Contract
Reference:	6031
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decisions:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment notes the key findings of the consultation on the future of the Household Waste Recycling Centre service as highlighted in this report.
- 1.2. That, taking into account the responses to the consultation, the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment approves the implementation of a number of changes to the HWRC service, namely;
 - i. That enhanced trade waste controls, to complement those already in place, be implemented at all sites to minimise the illegal deposit of trade waste;
 - ii. That a chargeable business waste service be implemented, where appropriate, to offer an alternative option for SMEs to recycle and dispose of their waste;
 - iii. That a charge be made at all HWRCs for three non domestic waste types – asbestos, plasterboard (gypsum), and soil and rubble with the charge set at the minimum level to cover the cost of disposal;
 - iv. That reuse is maximised across sites by working with charities and the third sector to reduce the amount of material going for treatment and disposal;
 - v. That opening hours be reduced to reflect the peak user times on site with core hours maintained, with reduced availability later on in the day during summer months;
 - vi. That an option for a weekly closure on smaller, quieter sites one day per week be agreed, with the busier, larger sites staying open 7 days per

week to enable further savings to be achieved through matching the service availability to core usage times.

- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment receives a further report at an appropriate time to agree the detail of amendments to HWRC opening hours.
- 1.4. That, in recognition of the response to the consultation, the Executive Member for Economy, Transport, and Environment approves the strategy to meet departmental savings targets to 2015 by not closing any HWRC sites and implementing the above changes.
- 1.5. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment, in conjunction with the Head of Legal services, to make all necessary contractual changes, operational and other actions to implement the proposals.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To deliver cost savings from the HWRC management contract in order to contribute towards the County Council's ambitious savings targets.
- 2.2. To engage the public with the results of the HWRC consultation and how the information is being used to inform the future direction of the HWRC Service.
- 2.3. To ensure delivery of a value for money, flexible and efficient HWRC service which continues to meet the needs of HWRC users for the longer term.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option to close sites has been considered and rejected due to the level of public opposition to the proposal and the potential to achieve savings through other options outlined in the paper.
- 3.2. The option to take the HWRC service in-house has been considered and rejected as Hampshire County Council has neither the market knowledge nor expertise to deliver it. In addition, through the procurement of a flexible, partnership based contract we believe an efficient and effective service will be delivered that maintains customer service for the residents of Hampshire.
- 3.3. The option to not make policy changes to the HWRC service has been considered and rejected due to the budget pressures that the County Council faces and the need for services to deliver savings.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

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:

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- Input at my Decision Day from Hampshire County Councillors Graham Burgess and David Simpson.
- Comments and recommendations from the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee, presented at my Decision Day by the Select Committee Chairman, Cllr Sharyn Wheale.

Approved by:

Date:

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and
Environment
Councillor Seán D T Woodward**

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