

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	4 November 2014
<b>Title:</b>	Recycling Credit Policy
<b>Reference:</b>	6173
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That consultation is conducted with existing third party claimants to evaluate the impact of ceasing or reducing the payment of discretionary recycling credits to such organisations.
- 1.2. That consultation is conducted with Hampshire Waste Collection Authorities to evaluate the impact of reducing the County Council's future recycling credit rate to more closely reflect the equivalent disposal cost,
- 1.3. That a further report be brought to the Executive Member for Economy Transport and Environment detailed future options following analysis of the consultation responses proposed in 1.1 and 1.2.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Payment of recycling credits to Waste Collection Authorities and third party organisations currently costs Hampshire County Council more than £1.25million per annum. A review has the potential to make a significant reduction to the County Council's external waste costs in line with budget reduction targets.
- 2.2. Payment of recycling credits to third parties is discretionary in line with the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Section 52, meaning the County Council has no statutory obligation to pay them.
- 2.3. High market values for recycled materials such as textiles, and lower disposal fees for using recovery instead of landfill, mean Hampshire's current recycling credit policy is out of step with national and local trends and costs.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. Not carrying out a consultation with third party claimants and waste collection authorities, and maintaining the status quo. This was rejected on the grounds that changes in the market warrant consideration of the value for money delivered by the existing policy.

**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 the input at my Decision Day from Hampshire County Councillor Graham Burgess.

<b>Approved by:</b>  -----	<b>Date:</b>  4 November 2014
<b>Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward</b>	

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