

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	3 November 2016
Title:	Household Waste Recycling Centre Opening Hours
Reference:	7847
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the implementation of the reduction in Household Waste Recycling Centre opening hours and the Thursday closing, scheduled for 1 January 2017, approved at the Executive Member for Environment and Transport's decision day on 22 July 2016, be re-programmed for implementation by 1 October 2017.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The decision to delay implementation is required to allow time to resolve the uncertainty created by the recent government intervention regarding the charging regimes being, or that have been, introduced by Local Authorities across the country.
- 2.2. To enable the impacts of the introduction of charges for non-household and trade wastes, recently introduced by the County Council to be monitored over a longer period under the existing opening hours to better establish the potential pattern of demand and the impact of accepting trade wastes at HWRCs, before introducing the agreed further service changes.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The option to continue with the current implementation date has been considered and rejected. Were the Government to legislate or further clarify guidance regarding DIY wastes then the current charging regime for non-household wastes may need to be revisited and alternative methods of achieving the County Council's required operational savings would need to be considered.

In this scenario, the options for achieving the necessary operational savings would mean that a programme of site closures would almost certainly need to be considered. This would in turn mean that the operation of the remaining sites would need to be reviewed with the likelihood that the opening hours at the remaining sites would need to be maintained, and the service provided on a 7 day per week basis in order to maximise the availability of the service to residents. In this context it is considered to be imprudent to press ahead with changes to opening hours on 1st January 2017 as planned.

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:

I thank Councillor Simpson for his questions on this item. I have addressed these as well as considered written comments submitted in making this decision.

Approved by:

Date:

3 November 2016

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Rob Humby**

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