

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	19 January 2016
Title:	Household Waste Recycling Centres Service Efficiencies – Consultation Proposals
Reference:	7179
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the County Council undertakes a formal public consultation on measures proposed as part of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Service Efficiencies programme.
- 1.2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment to determine the precise start date and timescales for the HWRC consultation.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Savings of £1.2 million per year need to be achieved against the cost of operating the HWRC network in Hampshire, in support of wider Transformation to 2017 savings targets.
- 2.2. To achieve this level of saving, the following significant changes to the HWRC network will need to be considered:
 - A reduction in opening hours across the network
 - Full closure of certain HWRC sites
- 2.3. The wider “Shaping Hampshire” consultation carried out in 2015 highlighted that the general public views HWRCs as a high priority universal service that the County Council should continue to deliver and support. It also highlighted that HWRCs are the County Council service that the greatest proportion of respondents (or their families) actively use.

- 2.4. With this in mind, it is appropriate that the County Council consults with residents on preferred approaches to these potentially significant changes to the HWRC service, as part of the wider decision making process.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The alternative approach is not to consult with the general public as part of the wider decision making process. This option is considered inappropriate due to the aforementioned priority that Hampshire residents afford to the HWRC network, and the likely public interest that will be taken in any decisions that are made.
- 3.2. Furthermore, the County Council has set a precedent by consulting in advance of previous significant changes to the network, namely the reduction in opening hours that was agreed on 20 January 2015 (decision ref: 3639)¹.

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 making this decision, I have considered the importance in allowing the Council to finalise its budget proposals so that the public can submit their comments with the clearest possible understanding of what is being proposed. On that basis, I have requested that precise dates are removed from the Decision Record and that delegated authority is given to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to finalise the precise arrangements in consultation with myself.

¹ [Changes to the Household Waste Recycling Centre Operating Hours](#)

Approved by:

Date:

19 January 2016

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

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