

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Executive Decision Record**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member - Environment
<b>Date:</b>	26 January 2011
<b>Title:</b>	Project Appraisal: The relocation of Waterlooville Household Waste Recycling Centre, Waterlooville
<b>Reference:</b>	2274
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Environment

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**1. The decision:**

- (a) That the Project Appraisal for the relocation of the existing Waterlooville household waste recycling centre in Hambledon Road, Waterlooville to a new site on the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area land, to be fully externally funded at an estimated cost of £950,000, be approved.
- (b) That the submission of a planning application seeking consent to carry out the construction of the new Waterlooville household waste recycling centre on the West of Waterlooville Major Development Area land, to be externally funded at an estimated cost of £950,000, be approved.
- (c) That the Executive Member for Environment requests that the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approves 100% of the proceeds arising from the surrender of the User Rights Agreement for the land occupied by the existing site being reinvested in the provision of a new Household Waste Recycling Centre to serve the Waterlooville area.

**2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1. The existing Waterlooville household waste recycling centre (HWRC) is a medium sized single level site, which has been at this location since the early 1980s. It is deemed to be of an outdated design and also too small for the level of usage it now receives.
- 2.2. Issues with traffic congestion have been experienced in times of peak use, typically at weekends during the spring and summer, and vehicles have been known to back up onto the public highway.

- 2.3. As the site is a single level facility it has to be temporarily closed for up to 15 minutes to ensure the safety of the public when a waste container is being serviced. Queues inevitably form on the highway outside the site at these times as customers wait to gain access to the HWRC.
- 2.4. The new West of Waterlooville Major Development Area (MDA) will bring approximately 2,500 new dwellings into the area, which will lead to an increase in usage of the Waterlooville HWRC, and a new facility was put forward as part of the planning application for the MDA. This will overcome the issues with the existing site, and provide capacity for the additional housing development in the Waterlooville area.
- 2.5. Relocation of the HWRC from Hambledon Road to the West of Waterlooville MDA will ensure that:
- (i) the site will no longer have to temporarily close for bin servicing due to the split-level design of the new HWRC leading to less queuing at the site. This will also increase customer throughput on the site as customers can continue to use the site whilst bin servicing is in operation;
  - (ii) queuing outside of the new HWRC site is eliminated by increasing the size of the new HWRC and the on-site stacking capacity, provision of additional waste storage areas; and
  - (iii) an increase in the overall size of the HWRC will lead to higher recycling rates due to a greater number of bins and waste storage areas than are being provided at the existing single-level HWRC.

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

- 3.1. Alternative options considered and discounted on the grounds of being unable to meet the requirements for improving the HWRC service for the Waterlooville area include:
- Retaining the existing Waterlooville HWRC in Hambledon Road without carrying out any improvements.
  - Retain the existing Waterlooville HWRC in Hambledon Road and seek to carry out improvements to overcome its shortcomings.

### **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 Standards Committee: none.**

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

<b>Approved by:</b>  ----- <b>Executive Member for Environment Councillor M J Kendal</b>	<b>Date:</b>  <b>26 January 2011</b>
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