

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	26 November 2015
Title:	Project Appraisal: Household Waste Recycling Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh
Reference:	7051
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to construct the proposed Household Waste Recycling Centre on behalf of Eastleigh Borough Council, at an estimated cost of £1.53m to be funded by Eastleigh Borough Council.
- 1.2. Eastleigh Borough Council is seeking to develop the land at Woodside Avenue, where the current Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) is located, for housing. Agreement was reached between the County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council to exchange the freehold for the two sites, and County Council approval for the land swap was granted on the 14th March 2013 by the Executive Member Policy and Resources.
- 1.3. The funding agreement between the two authorities was signed on the 17 October 2013. This agreement allows for the full funding by Eastleigh Borough Council for the development of the new HWRC and also facilitates the County Council acting as the Lead Party, procuring and entering into a contract with a supplier to undertake the works, on behalf of Eastleigh Borough Council.

2. Background

- 2.1. Eastleigh Borough Council wishes to utilise the land at Woodside Avenue, Eastleigh - where the current Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) is located - for the development of housing.
- 2.2. Initial approval to the principle of relocating the HWRC to Chestnut Avenue (Stoneycroft Rise) was granted by Executive Member for Environment and Transport on the 6th March 2012. Agreement was reached between the

County and Borough Council to exchange the freehold for the Woodside Avenue site with the freehold for the Chestnut Avenue site. The Executive Member for Policy & Resources subsequently approved the land transaction on the 14th March 2013.

- 2.3. Planning permission for the Chestnut Avenue site was subsequently granted on the 17th January 2013.
- 2.4. The funding agreement between Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council was signed on the 17th October 2013. This agreement allows for the full funding by Eastleigh Borough Council of £1.53m for the development of the new HWRC; it also facilitates the County Council acting as the Lead Party, procuring and entering into a contract with a supplier to undertake the works, on behalf of Eastleigh Borough Council.
- 2.5. Subsequent to this, it was agreed that the County council's Engineering Consultancy group would deliver the project on behalf of Eastleigh Borough Council using the SE7 framework to procure the contractor, as Eastleigh Borough Council are not part of the framework and are unable to utilise it.
- 2.6. Once the HWRC has been built, Hampshire County Council will need to approve the site and formally accept it; in return, Eastleigh Borough Council will receive the freehold of the current HWRC site on Woodside Avenue in Eastleigh.
- 2.7. Eastleigh Borough Council Cabinet approved the £1.53m cost and award of the contract to the preferred bidder on the 10th September 2015.

3. Finance

3.1	<u>Estimates</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>% of total</u>	<u>Funds Available</u>	<u>£'000</u>
	Construction	1,530	100	Other Local Authority	1,530
	Total	<u>1,530</u>	<u>100</u>	Total	<u>1,530</u>

- 3.2 The estimated cost of £1.53m for the build of the HWRC will be met in full by Eastleigh Borough Council.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1. That the Project Appraisal for the proposed Household Waste Recycling Centre at Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, be approved, as outlined in the report.
- 4.2. That approval be given to procure and spend and enter into necessary contractual arrangements to construct the proposed Household Waste Recycling Centre on behalf of Eastleigh Borough Council, as set out in the

supporting report, at an estimated cost of £1.53m to be funded by Eastleigh Borough Council.

- 4.3. That authority to make the arrangements to implement the scheme, including minor variations to the design or contract, be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	
There is a continuing need for a Household Waste Recycling Centre to serve the Eastleigh area and is a key decision requiring approval given the scale of the funding being provided to deliver the service.	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Executive Member Environment & Transport: Relocation of Eastleigh HWRC www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemssummary.htm?sta=0&tab=1&item_ID=3585&currentpage=1&cancel=n	3585	6 March 2012
Executive Member Policy & Resources: Relocation of Eastleigh HWRC www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemssummary.htm?sta=0&pref=Y&item_ID=3118&tab=1&co=&confidential=	3118	14 March 2013
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

The provision of a new, larger Household Waste Recycling Centre in Eastleigh will have no impact on any service users, including those with protected characteristics. The new site will be accessible to all site users and the current site at Woodside Avenue will not be closed until the new site at Chestnut Avenue (Stoneycroft Rise) is open for use by the general public.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. None.

3. Climate Change:

3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The new HWRC will facilitate a more free flow of traffic, reducing the queuing that takes place on a more frequent basis at the current site. This will help reduce air pollution and carbon emissions. The function of a household

waste recycling facility is to enable residents to recycle more products and goods. This means that there are lower requirements for virgin materials in manufacturing processes.

3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Appropriate drainage will be put in place to help the HWRC adapt to any extreme rainfall events and limit any likelihood of pollution.