

<b>Title of meeting:</b>	Environment & Community Safety Portfolio Decision Meeting
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2016
<b>Subject:</b>	Household Waste Recycling Centre Service Efficiencies Implementation
<b>Report by:</b>	Colette Hill
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Key decision:</b>	No
<b>Full Council decision:</b>	No

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## **1. Purpose of report**

To inform the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety of the key findings of the public consultation held from 16 March 2016 to 25 May 2016 on the future of the Hampshire wide, Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) service, as highlighted in Hampshire County Council's report (appendix item 1).

## **2. Recommendations**

That the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety approves the implementation of the recommendations set out below:

- In line with the rest of the Hampshire wide network of HWRCs, implement a reduction in opening hours at the Port Solent site of 2 hours per day, with revised opening of 11am - 6pm in the Summer and 11am - 4pm in the Winter, commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.
- In line with the rest of the Hampshire wide network of HWRCs, close our Port Solent site on a Thursday each week, commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.
- In line with the rest of the Hampshire wide network of HWRCs, commence charging residents for non-domestic DIY waste (soil, rubble, plasterboard and asbestos), commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.
- Note that a system of cross border charging is introduced of £2 per visit for non-Hampshire residents to commence no later than 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.
- Note the implementation date of previously approved charging regimes for small and medium sized enterprise (SME) trade waste and DIY charging is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.
- To approve the list of chargeable non-household waste as set out in paragraph 5.5 of HCC's report (appendix item 1).

### **3. Background**

Port Solent, HWRC, is part of an extensive, Hampshire wide network of 26 sites of this type. Along with all other Hampshire, Waste Disposal Authorities, Hampshire County Council and Southampton City Council, Portsmouth City Council (PCC) agreed to undertake a full review of all HWRCs in the county, in order to deliver a savings target of 1.55m, required due to further reductions in local government funding, announced by the Government in February 2016.

A county wide consultation of service users and the public was undertaken, which ran from 16 March 2016 to 25 May 2016, via an online and paper questionnaire. A total of 11,497 responses were received, plus a further 137 letters and 5 petitions.

Respondents were asked to consider 3 separate proposals for reducing costs across the HWRC network as follows;

1. To reduce opening days and hours
2. To partially close one of more HWRC sites
3. To fully close one or more HWRC sites

It was clear from the results the vast majority of residents preferred the option to reduce opening days and hours, as opposed to potentially losing sites altogether. As such, HCC's Executive Member for Environment and Transport took the decision on 22 July 2016 to mirror the recommendations set out above.

### **4. Reasons for recommendations**

To realise savings from the cost of running the HWRC service in order to deliver the proposed Hampshire wide savings target of £1.55m, of which PCC's 4.57% share totals approximately £71k, based on our one site located at Port Solent and our proportionate share of other sites, located in Havant, Fareham and Waterlooville.

### **5. Equality impact assessment**

It is considered that any proposed changes to the service would have a low impact on the protected characteristics of age, disability, poverty, pregnancy and maternity.

Charging for disposal of certain materials may disadvantage residents on low incomes, although charges will only be applied to certain waste types, therefore minimising any impact upon most service users.

### **6. Legal implications**

The report is appropriately balanced. The EIA as dealt with above reveals that whilst there potential risks the ongoing risks are limited. The proposals are compliant with the E.P.A 1990 and the Local Authorities (Prohibition of Charging Residents to Deposit Household Waste) Order 2015 in that there remains a discretionary basis for charging until 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

### **7. Director of Finance's comments**

The recommendations within this report are linked to the decision made by Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Environment and Transport on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 following a County-wide consultation, which sought to implement measures to reduce the

annual cost of running the HWRC network by the approximately £1.55million, in order to contribute towards their corporate savings target.

This decision and the resulting reduction in network-wide costs will result in a corresponding reduction in costs charged to Portsmouth City Council, for its share of the overall HWRC network.

Portsmouth's share of the County total equates to 4.57%, and as a result the reduction in costs resulting from adopting Hampshire's proposal is anticipated to total £70,800 from April 2017, although a part year effect is anticipated in 2016/17, which will be a reduction of approximately £17,500.

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**Appendices:**

Item 1. HCC, Executive Decision Record, Household Waste Recycling Centre Service Efficiencies Implementation, 22 July 2016

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by ..... on .....

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