

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Report

<b>Committee:</b>	Universal Services Select Committee
<b>Date:</b>	26 September 2024
<b>Title:</b>	Pre-Scrutiny of SP25 Savings Proposals
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Universal Services

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### Purpose of this Report

1. The County Council undertook an open public consultation called the 'Future Services Consultation' over the 12-week period 8 January to 31 March 2024. The consultation sought to understand the views on, and potential impacts of, 13 proposals which would deliver savings contributing toward the Savings Programme 2025. Following analysis of the consultation responses, final recommendations have been prepared by the Universal Services Directorate in relation to these proposals.
2. The Cabinet is due to consider these recommendations at their meeting on 14 October 2024, alongside the savings proposed by other Directorates. The Universal Services Select Committee has the opportunity to make recommendations to the Cabinet regarding the proposals prepared by the Universal Services Directorate, to be taken into account alongside the advice presented by officers and the evidence provided.
3. The Draft Report to Cabinet and proposals prepared by Officers, which will be scrutinised by the Universal Services Select Committee during this meeting (Cabinet report Appendix 7 – Household Waste Recycling Centres), are attached. This report should be read alongside the report prepared by the Select Committee Working Group, also attached as an appendix.

### Recommendations

That the Select Committee:

1. Supports the recommendations made by officers to the Cabinet set out in Appendix 7 – Household Waste Recycling Centres of the Draft Report to Cabinet, as detailed below:
  - To note the outcome of the 2024 Future Services Consultation in relation to the proposals on the future of the Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs) network.

- To approve the approach for the removal of up to £1.6 million budget provision for waste and resource management as detailed within this report to move the service towards a Legal Minimum Service Level (LMSL) taking into account statutory obligations and statutory and non-statutory guidance.
- To implement closure of HWRCs in Tier 3 and Tier 4 (as set out in Table 1, Paragraph 23) on a structured, phased basis to achieve the savings and move towards a Legal Minimum Service Level.
- That authority is delegated to the Director of Universal Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Highways and Waste to progress and make any necessary arrangements to implement these decisions, including the phased approach to the closure of Tier 3 and Tier 4 HWRCs and further consideration of the viability and legal basis of any alternative operating models for any closed sites

And/Or:

2. Agrees any alternative or additional recommendations with regards to the proposals set out in Appendix 7 of the Draft Report to Cabinet.