

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
<b>Date:</b>	2 July 2020
<b>Title:</b>	Household Waste Recycling Centres Cross Border Update
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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#### 1. The decision

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment notes the progress with the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) residents' vehicle registration system.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment acknowledges the short delay to the proposed implementation of the HWRC residents' vehicle registration scheme as a result of the temporary closure of the HWRC network due to the Government's social distancing guidelines and approves a revised implementation date of 1 August 2020.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment notes the steps that have been taken since 23 March 2020 to both close down the HWRC Service in line with the Governments imposed lockdown and subsequent re-opening in such a way as to deliver the service safely both for site staff and site users.
- 1.4. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the termination of the agreement with West Berkshire Council regarding Hampshire residents access to the Newtown Road site in West Berkshire, with effect from 31 July 2020 and notes that the final quarterly payment recognises that the site has been closed for six weeks.
- 1.5. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment acknowledges the agreement that has been entered into with Dorset Council and approves that the principles set out in the supporting report be applied to other authorities that wish to cover the cost of their residents usage of Hampshire HWRCs rather than see their residents bear these costs directly by way of the proposed access charge.

1.6. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment delegates authority for the completion of any necessary legal agreements for these financial arrangements with other neighbouring Authorities as may be required, and to undertake annual reviews and vary the arrangements as necessary to ensure that the payments made reflect full cost recovery of non-Hampshire resident usage to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in consultation with the head of Legal Services and the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment.

## **2. Reasons for the decision**

2.1. The decision is required to seek approval for a revised implementation date of the HWRC residents' vehicle registration scheme.

2.2. The decision is required in order to enable the County Council to enter into agreements with neighbouring Authorities in relation to cross border use of Household Waste Recycling Centres.

2.3. The decision is required in order to bring to an end the transitional arrangements currently in place with West Berkshire Council.

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

3.1. The option not to enter into agreements with neighbouring authorities has been considered and rejected, as it would prevent the County Council from securing funding to offset the costs dealing with waste from outside Hampshire.

3.2. The option not to terminate the transitional arrangement with West Berkshire in relation to funding cross border usage of Household Waste Recycling Centres has been considered and rejected. This is due to the cost of maintaining this arrangement which is not currently funded beyond 1 June 2020. West Berkshire Council is in the process of developing for implementation its own system for managing cross-border use of its Household Waste Recycling Centres which is expected to be introduced later in 2020.

## **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:**

I thank Cllr Hayley Eachus at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for her letter, which was fully considered ahead of me approving the recommendations.

I also note ongoing discussions with Southampton City Council regarding managing access to the Southampton HWRC and confirm that the County Council will review our position subsequently in the context of the cross border policy and contractual and financial agreements that are currently in place in relation to waste services.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**2 July 2020**

**Executive Member for Economy, Transport and  
Environment  
Councillor Rob Humby**