

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	29 July 2020
Title:	Household Waste Recycling Centre Service, Cross Border Transitional Access Agreement with West Berkshire Council
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport, and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approves the extension of the transitional arrangements with West Berkshire until 31 July 2021, to enable permit holding residents in the North West of Hampshire to continue to use the Newton Road Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) in Newbury, with costs to be shared equally with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approves spend of up to £85,000 to meet Hampshire's share of the extension of the transitional arrangements, to be met from corporate contingencies.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approves a review of the feasibility of a potential site for an HWRC at Kingsclere, including consideration of the land interests and other specific site issues, as well as the wider operational context and considerations, to inform a potential business case for a new HWRC facility serving North West Hampshire.
- 1.4. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy Transport and Environment in consultation with the Head of Legal Services to finalise and enter into the necessary agreements with both Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and West Berkshire Council.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The transitional arrangement with West Berkshire Council allowing permit holding Hampshire residents to use the HWRC in Newbury is currently due to end on 31st July 2020. This decision, to extend the transitional arrangement by another year, is being recommended in the context of the on-going Covid-19 position, and specifically in response to new data from the HWRC booking system identifying exceptional capacity pressure at the nearest alternative Hampshire HWRC sites in Basingstoke, Andover and Hartley Wintney

HWRCs. This new information on site booking availability follows the increase in capacity at all sites which was implemented at the end of June, but indicates there is exceptional pressure on these sites as a result of social distancing measures in place at all Hampshire HWRCs .

- 2.2. This extension of the transitional arrangement will also enable the full evaluation of the potential suitability, for development as an HWRC, of a newly proposed site near Kingsclere.
- 2.3. It will also allow more time for discussions with West Berkshire over their adoption of a similar Cross Border Charging system to that which Hampshire is implementing from 1st August 2020.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Continuing to terminate the transitional arrangements as planned on 31st July 2020 was considered and rejected following the receipt of the latest HWRC user data illustrating the exceptional capacity pressure at the nearest Hampshire sites as a consequence of the social distancing measures that are in place in response to the current Covid-19 crisis.

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:

Approved by:

Date:

**Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Councillor Keith Mans**

29 July 2020