

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	2 December 2020
Title:	Pedestrian Access to Household Waste Recycling Centre Trial
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment defer the decision until a future Decision Day in early 2021 following further investigation by officers.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 HWRCs are an important public service and are the only frontline waste service provided by the County Council to the residents of Hampshire. At present uncontrolled pedestrian and cycle access to the sites is not allowed for safety reasons. The deployment of a pre-booking system earlier this year, to manage the significant demand for access to sites following the Government decision to allow visits to such facilities during the continued pandemic restrictions, provides an opportunity to manage site access in a controlled manner.
- 2.2. The pre-booking system allows a new opportunity to test the impacts of excluding vehicles for short periods in order to safely enable pedestrian access. Following consideration of the specific local request raised in a deputation to the Council on 24 September 2020, it is proposed to pilot an opportunity to facilitate controlled pedestrian and cycle access to the local HWRC at New Alresford, to allow a further evaluation of the issues, challenges, utilisation and benefits.
- 2.3. Should safety issues arise at any point throughout the pilot, or should circumstances change significantly, it is vital that the County Council is able to respond as flexibly and rapidly as possible, and for this reason it is recommended that authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, to take appropriate action to prioritise safety and legal compliance at short notice.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Admitting pedestrian access on an uncontrolled basis has been rejected due to the inherent safety risks created by mixing pedestrians and vehicles. This is in

line with the Waste Industry Safety and Health (WISH) guidance from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

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 both deputations and Members for attending to speak at my Decision Day on these items. In light the valid points made, I will defer this decision until early 2021 to allow further investigation by officers with regards to the implications and what we hope to achieve to ensure maximum benefit of a pilot. Having a potential pilot in the spring will also give us more data to refer to as HWRC's are utilised more by residents, and any plans can also consider the further lifting of restrictions following the Covid-19 pandemic should they happen before that time.

Approved by:

Date:

2 December 2020

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