

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	29 July 2021
Title:	Household Waste Recycling Centre Provision in North Hampshire
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment notes the findings of the feasibility studies into two potential sites for a new Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) in north Hampshire and accepts the conclusion that the sites are not suitable for development, for economic and environmental reasons, and therefore will not be taken forward.
- 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment notes the option under consideration by West Berkshire Council to allow access to the HWRCs in Newtown Road and Padworth to non-Berkshire residents and apply a charge for such access.
- 1.3 That the Executive Lead Member of Economy, Transport and Environment delegates authority to the Director for Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member, to contribute County Council resources to West Berkshire Council to support the installation of required systems at the named HWRCs to facilitate the charging scheme outlined above.
- 1.4 That the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment acknowledges the decision previously taken by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources on 29 July 2020, providing temporary access for specified Hampshire residents to the Newtown Road HWRC while the above feasibility studies and negotiations were conducted, and confirms that on the

basis of the recommendations above, the existing transitional arrangement will cease as planned on 31 July 2021.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. To update the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment on the outcome of the feasibility studies on two sites for constructing a new Hampshire-run HWRC in the local area, which have not proved suitable for economic and environmental reasons, and therefore the transitional period will not be extended.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Taking either of the feasibility studies forward to build a new HWRC in the Kingsclere area is not feasible due to the constraints and risks associated with both sites, and the likely costs, which would outweigh the benefits of developing either site.
- 3.2. Hampshire County Council to further extend the transitional arrangement for full subsidisation of the cost of north Hampshire residents using Newtown Road HWRC at up to £175,000 per annum was considered. This was rejected as the transition period was to allow for feasibility studies to be completed on potential alternative sites. This work has been completed and indicated no potential for developing an HWRC on the sites and therefore the transitional period has reached its conclusion.

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:

29 July 2021

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