

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability
Date:	23 September 2021
Title:	Hampshire Reuse Service
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability approves a proposal to create a Hampshire Reuse Service Pilot Project.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability approves a change in the way that some bulky waste items at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) are treated, by diverting them into the new reuse service, as set out in the supporting report.
- 1.3. That authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment for the procurement and spend as set out in Table 1, associated with the set up and operation of the project, including entering into any necessary contractual arrangements and leases, in consultation with the Executive Member for Climate Change and Sustainability and the Head of Legal Services.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The ongoing demand for low-cost good quality items of furniture and other household items for those in need, combined with the need to reduce bulky waste going to landfill and the associated high cost of disposal, requires a new approach to reuse in Hampshire.
- 2.2. A new approach to increasing reuse, supporting the circular economy and assisting residents in crisis or on low incomes has been developed.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Do nothing. Although other routes to access second-hand furniture and other household items already exist (e.g., Freecycle, or E-Bay) the sustained pressure on Local Authorities and other organisations to provide items for those in need, combined with the ongoing landfilling of items potentially suitable for reuse, does not make this a viable option.
- 3.2. Other models of bulky waste reuse. Hampshire County Council has previously worked on a number of projects with key stakeholders to increase reuse in

Hampshire. However, these have often encountered barriers or challenges which have limited their success. The proposed project has incorporated lessons learnt from all these previous projects as well as best practice demonstrated elsewhere in the UK.

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:

23 September 2021

**Executive Member for Climate Change and
Sustainability
Councillor Jan Warwick**