HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	10 March 2022
Title:	Household Waste Recycling Centres – Pedestrian access trial evaluation
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 evaluation of the pedestrian access trial at three Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs), namely Hedge End, New Alresford and Waterlooville, and approves the retention of the terms of the scheme at specified times at New Alresford and Hedge End HWRCs only.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment delegates authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment to approve the introduction of pedestrian access schemes at further HWRCs in Hampshire where demand exists and appropriate measures can be taken, to make amendments to the access times, and to cease a scheme at any point where customer or staff safety is at risk or reduced demand makes it no longer viable.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Hampshire County Council has a statutory duty through the Environmental Protection Act (1990) to provide points where the public may deliver bulky household and garden waste. In Hampshire, this is delivered through a network of 24 HWRCs which, prior to the pandemic, received over four million visits per annum.
- 2.2. Data and feedback have indicated that the controlled pedestrian period should be retained on a limited basis at two of the three trial sites, however the County Council retains the right to continue to monitor this and make necessary changes to expand or limit the service in the event of health and safety concerns emerging.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Opening up unrestricted pedestrian access at all HWRCs is not feasible for either safety or demand reasons. A small number of sites are located on narrow rural lanes which do not have pavements.
- 3.2. Re-engineering sites except on a major project basis (e.g. relocation or redevelopment) is not possible due to space restrictions onsite.

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 County Councillor Jackie Porter for attending and speaking at my Decision Day today.

Approved by:	Date:
	10 March 2022
Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Rob Humby	