

Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Provision

Key Decision Record – Officers

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Name of Officer taking decision: *(please give name and title)*

Strategic Director for Environment & Economy, in consultation with the Lead Portfolio Holder for Environment & Economy, the Leader of the Council, the Strategic Director for Customers Workforce & Governance and the Strategic Director for Resources.

Date of Decision:

11 November 2010

Urgent Matter: Yes/No* If Urgent Name of Councillor Giving Consent

No

Confidential or Exempt *[please state category of exempt information]*

No

Summary of Matter

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Decision Taken

To bring the management and operation of Cherry Orchard, Grendon (New Lower House Farm facility to replace the Grendon site 2012) , Princes Drive, Shipston, Stockton and Wellesbourne Household Waste Recycling Centres in-house when the current contracts for these sites expire in November 2011.

To reduce the opening hours of all the Household Waste Recycling Centres when the above sites are brought in-house.

To close each Household Waste Recycling Centre for 2 to 3 days per week (No days to include week-ends) once the sites are brought in house, whilst ensuring sites in the same area are not closed at the same time.

To introduce an ‘open bag policy’ at all Household Waste Recycling Centres once the above sites are brought in-house.

To liaise with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council in relation to the options for Judkins Household Waste Recycling Centre, which will soon

go out to tender for a new provider.

Is the decision taken contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the policy framework or budget?

No

Reasons for Decision

Having considered the Reports and the background paper, detailed below, it is clear that bringing the 6 sites noted above in-house offers value for money and the opportunity to make significant savings. More importantly, it will give the Council a greater level of flexibility and control over the quality of the services, the recycling rate, the wastes accepted on site, the introduction of new and innovative services, the ability to make future cost savings and to work in partnership with other local authorities. In addition, reducing opening hours and opening days, together with the introduction of an open bag policy will realise further savings and improved recycling levels.

Leader of the Council, Lead Portfolio for Environment and Economy, Strategic Director of Customers, Workforce and Governance and the Strategic Director for Resources we consulted and were all agreeable to the decision taken.

Any Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Closure of HWRC's – the decision maker considered this proposal and noted that whilst the sites, there closure would make some saving, better value for money could be achieved by keeping them open and changing hours and days of operation would be better value overall. At the Stockton site the alternatives to closing the site was to trial the introduction of bring banks, and removing the provision of waste disposal. This proposal could be explored further at a later date, once the sites were brought in-house or during the remainder of the current contract term if at no additional cost.

Introduction of charges for soil and hardcore – the decision maker considered this proposal and felt the option could be considered at a later date, once the sites were brought in-house but at this stage were unconvinced that the potential savings would outweigh the potential unpopularity of such a decision and the administration to implement.

List of Reports considered [please attach or forward a copy]

Cabinet report dated 9 September 2010 entitled 'Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Provision'.

Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee report dated 3 November 2010 entitled 'Household Waste Recycling Centres Task and Finish Group'.

List of Background Papers *[please include directorate contact names and numbers for access to background papers]*

**Household Waste Recycling Centres Review 2010, Environment & Economy,
Kitran Eastman, 01926 418064**

Any members consulted together with any declarations of interests and any dispensations from the Audit and Standards Committee

**Councillor Alan Farnell Leader of the Council,
Councillor Alan Cockburn Lead Portfolio for Environment and Economy,
David Carter Strategic Director of Customers, Workforce and Governance
David Clarke Strategic Director for Resources**

Report to Cabinet 9 September 2010  06 Household Waste Recycling Centre Provision.pdf

Report to Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 November 2010

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