

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Rugby Area Committee

Date of Committee 24th May 2007

Report Title Temporary Arrangements for Public Recycling Facilities in Rugby

Summary This report provides additional information requested on the proposed temporary arrangements while the Hunters Lane Household Waste Recycling Centre is closed for refurbishment.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? Yes/No

Background Papers None.

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- *Details to be specified*

Other Committees Rugby Area Committee – 25th January 2007

Local Member(s)
(With brief comments, if appropriate)

Other Elected Members

Cabinet Member
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)

Chief Executive

Legal I Marriott - agreed

Finance

Other Chief Officers

District Councils

- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION **YES/NO** *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

Rugby Area Committee - 24th May 2007

Temporary Arrangements for Public Recycling Facilities in Rugby

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy

Recommendation

That Members note the responses to their queries raised.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the Rugby Area Committee meeting of 25th January a report was presented on the temporary arrangements for recycling near Rugby while the Hunters Lane Recycling Centre is closed during winter 2007/8. There were three major issues raised at the meeting; these were the provision of a temporary recycling centre, the highway access to the Stockton site and publicity of the alternative arrangements. Each of these is looked at in turn below.

2. Provision of an Alternative Facility in Rugby Town Centre

- 2.1 The main barriers to providing an alternative site, apart from finding a suitable location, are the planning and licensing requirements. While, some time ago, we would have been able to provide a facility with a few skips and some steps, we are no longer able to do this due to changes in the regulation of waste management. The collection and disposal of waste is heavily regulated by the Environment Agency who have very stringent requirements for recycling centres. It is these requirements that make it prohibitively expensive to provide a temporary alternative site.

3. Access to the Stockton Household Waste Recycling Centre

- 3.1 In response to the concerns about the highway implications of using the Stockton site, it has been arranged that the Safety Engineering Team will carry out an assessment of the access. As part of this they have recommended improvements to the signage on the A426. These will be undertaken as part of the works to resurface and refurbish the Stockton site, which is taking place before the Rugby site closes to enable it to cope with additional use.

4. Publicity of Temporary Arrangements

- 4.1 It has been agreed with Members and officers of Rugby Borough Council, given their experience in publicising arrangements for waste collection, that the alternative arrangements will be publicised extensively in the local area by:-
- (i) Large adverts in the local press to support multi media press releases.
 - (ii) Signs will be erected at the facility before closure to give prior notice to users of closure and alternative arrangements.
 - (iii) Manning the Hunters Lane site to direct users to alternative facilities once it is closed.
 - (iv) Flyers will produced containing information for distribution to libraries.
- 4.2 The Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Borough Council call centres will be notified of the situation and alternatives available.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The proposed temporary arrangements are based on experience from previous occasions, in providing cost effective alternatives when sites are closed. Should it become apparent that there are unforeseen impacts or too much pressure on one aspect of these arrangements, action will be taken to resolve any problems arising as a result.

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