

**AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET**

**Name of Committee** Rugby Area Committee

**Date of Committee** 12th July 2007

**Report Title** Temporary Arrangements for Public Recycling Facilities in Rugby, Winter 2007/08

**Summary** A summary of responses to the issues arising as a result of the Hunters Lane Household Waste Recycling Centre 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 November 2006, 25th January 2007, 24th May 2007
- Local Member(s)  .....  
(With brief comments, if appropriate)
- Other Elected Members  .....
- Cabinet Member  Councillor M Heatley – for information  
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)
- Chief Executive  .....
- Legal  I Marriott – comments incorporated
- 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 - 12th July 2007

### Temporary Arrangements for Public Recycling Facilities in Rugby, Winter 2007/08

#### Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Economy

#### Recommendation

That the temporary arrangements described in this report to replace the Hunters Lane Recycling Centre, whilst it is closed, are approved.

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report summarises the key issues and concerns that have arisen due to the proposals to close the Hunters Lane Household Waste Recycling Centre in Rugby for refurbishment.
- 1.2 For simplicity each of the issues is addressed in question and answer format.

#### 2. Proposed Refurbishment

- 2.1 **Why is the recycling centre closing and when?** – The site is being closed for total refurbishment as it has reached the end of its useful life and is in need of major maintenance. As the use of such civic amenity facilities has changed significantly since it was built it has been decided to change the nature of the site to a split level recycling centre for household waste. Unfortunately the site is not big enough to be able to keep part of it open while the refurbishment takes place. Therefore it is closing at the beginning of September 2007 and will be re-opened in time for Easter 2008. The works are being carried out during the winter months when there is less demand for the facility.
- 2.2 **What will happen if the work isn't finished on time?** – The works have been designed to shorten the time taken to carry them out. We will also be working with the appointed contractors to ensure that the works are finished for Easter. In the event that unforeseen events or findings make this impossible, then priority will be given to finishing the works that make it possible to open the site for use by the public before the Easter weekend.

### 3. Temporary Arrangements

3.1 **What do I do with my waste while it is closed?** – There are a number of options available.

- (i) Use the free kerbside collections of waste and recycling provided by Rugby Borough Council.
- (ii) Take glass, paper, plastic bottles and drinks cans to the 'bring banks' located around Rugby at the supermarkets and other public places.
- (iii) If you live in the north of the Borough, go to Lutterworth Household Waste Recycling Centre which residents will be able to use free of charge for household waste taken free at Hunters Lane. Or, if you live to the south of Rugby Town Centre, go to the site at Stockton, which will be open seven days a week while Hunters Lane is closed. Both of these sites are full service household waste recycling centres that take a wide range of materials.
- (iv) Rugby Borough Council also provide a bulky waste collection service and will collect large items at the kerbside for £7 per item for the first three items and £4 per item thereafter.

3.2 **How will people know what is happening?** – The closure and alternative arrangements will be publicised regularly in the local papers using press releases and adverts, both before and during the works. There will be signs at the site prior to the closure and once closed there will be staff available advising users of their options. This will be backed up with information on the Warwickshire Website.

3.3 **Why can't we have a temporary recycling centre in Rugby?** – Waste facilities are heavily regulated by the Environment Agency who have strict rules about how waste can be collected. This makes providing a temporary site unrealistic for the short period that the site will be closed.

3.4 **How about a skip in a lay-by?** – The same reason as above, we would not be allowed to do so by the Environment Agency, added to which, if we did put one in it would cause major problems with fly tipping when we took it out.

3.5 **Will we need a permit to use the Lutterworth site?** – No you will not. However, you will not be able to take vans in as they also operate a van ban policy.

3.6 **You are putting in extra 'bring banks', where are they going?** – The Borough Council was hoping to put them in the car parks of the new supermarkets in Rugby Town Centre as these are the most popular locations. Unfortunately the companies concerned do not want them and so the Borough Council is in the process of finding the best alternative sites.

3.7 **What about fly tipping?** – In the event that fly tipping increases while Hunters Lane is closed, the County Council will fund an additional crew for the Borough

Council to manage the situation. Any fly tipping outside the Hunters Lane site will be dealt with by the operatives manning the site.

- 3.8 **What if these arrangements don't work?** – The situation will be monitored by both County and Borough Council Officers and in the event that part of the temporary arrangements are not coping, then we will take steps to rectify the situation.

#### 4. Road Safety at Stockton

- 4.1 **The access to the Stockton site looks dangerous, is it safe to open the site full time?** – A road safety audit has been carried out on the proposals to open the site full time, even if only temporarily. This audit recommended that the layout within the site be changed to improve traffic flow, and that the advanced warning of the site be improved by better signage. These measures will mitigate the impact of opening the site full time. It may be possible to implement a temporary speed limit to improve safety at the site. This would be implemented for the duration of the closure at Hunters Lane. Area Committee is invited to give its views on a temporary speed limit.

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