

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT</b>		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>TO RETAIN OPENING HOURS AT CITY DEPOT &amp; RECYCLING PARK HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE (HWRC)</b>		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	<b>17 OCTOBER 2017</b>		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Service Director - Transactions &amp; Universal Services</b>		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
<b>None</b>	
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>	
<p>The purpose of this paper is to seek approval to retain the current HWRC Opening hours for the foreseeable future and not implement a reduction in opening hours and a day closure. This will allow time to assess the impact Hampshire County Council budget savings may have on Southampton's and Hampshire HWRCs, the impact implementation of cross border charging for non-Hampshire residents to use Hampshire HWRCs may have and also embed the charging regimes introduced from 1 October 2016, for disposing of some items that are classified as construction waste and accepting trade wastes.</p> <p>It is important that there is consistency with regard to opening hours and future service changes at the HWRC with Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth City Council.</p>	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>	
	<p><b>(i)</b> To retain the current HWRC Opening hours and that the approved implementation of a reduction in HWRC opening hours by 2 hours per day and closure of the network on one day, which was due to start on 1 October 2017 be cancelled.</p>
	<p><b>(ii)</b> To note the opportunity for monitoring the impacts of the recent introduction of charges for non-household (some items that are classified as construction waste) and trade wastes. This will also create opportunity to monitor changes taking place at Hampshire HWRCs in the future and assess impact on Southampton's HWRC.</p>
	<p><b>(iii)</b> That authority to make decisions to change opening hours/charging mechanisms/service delivery at the HWRC as required in future, be delegated to the Service Director – Transactions and Universal Service, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport.</p>
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
1	To ensure there is consistency as far as is reasonably possible with regard to opening hours and future service changes at the HWRC with Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth City Council. Differences in how services are delivered are likely to result in increased numbers of visitors from outside the City and a resultant

	increase in disposal costs.
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>	
2	None
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>	
3	On 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2016 the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport approved the decision set out in the HWRC Service Efficiencies paper to reduce the daily opening hours by 2 hours per day and to close the HWRC on one day a week from 1 January 2017. This change was delayed until 1 October 2017, following a Cabinet Member briefing on 20 December 2016.
4	Hampshire County Council (HCC) produced a decision paper in July 2017 regarding opening hours and day closures. The report advised that the approved implementation of a reduction in HWRC opening hours by 2 hours per day and closure of the network on a Thursday, due to start on 1 October 2017 as part of the Transformation to 2017 efficiency programme, be cancelled due to the additional savings made from other parts of their waste efficiency programme.
5	As part of the HCC decision paper, the proposed implementation of a cross-border charge for non-Hampshire residents to use the Hampshire Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) network will be reprogrammed to start provisionally in 2018/19. This proposal suggests linking to a database that Hampshire residents would be able to register their household and vehicle details on, in order to facilitate the use of the HWRC network without charges. This would produce savings, which Southampton City Council would benefit from.
6	It is important to ensure there is consistency as far as is reasonably possible with regard to future service changes with Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth City Council (PCC) and to cancel the changes to opening hours/day closure, which both HCC and PCC are doing.
7	It is also useful to note that alternate weekly collections (AWC) have since been introduced across the city from 5 June 2017. Part of the advice given to residents is that if a resident is unable to manage their waste, they are able to dispose of this waste at the HWRC.
8	No savings will be made from cancelling the reduction in opening hours. However, the costs of £53,741 per annum from this cancellation will be absorbed through further HWRC efficiencies.
9	In view of the uncertainty that has surrounded this issue and the need to be consistent with any changes made by Hampshire and Portsmouth, it is proposed that authority to make decisions to change opening hours/charging mechanisms/service delivery at the HWRC as required in future, should be delegated to the Service Director – Transactions and Universal Service, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>	
10	There will be revenue costs of £53,741 per annum, resulting from the cancellation of changes to opening hours, which will be absorbed through further HWRC efficiencies.
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>	
11	No property implications are identified.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	

<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
12	The duty to make provision for the disposal of household waste is as set out in the Environmental Protection Act 1990, as amended together with supporting secondary legislation. The proposals within the report are wholly in accordance with those duties and obligations.
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
13	None
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
14	None
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
15	The proposals support the Council's policy framework.

<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	<b>All wards</b>
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
<b>Appendices</b>	
1.	None

**Documents In Members' Rooms**

1.	None
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Privacy Impact Assessment</b>	
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Other Background Documents</b>	
<b>Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>	
<b>Title of Background Paper(s)</b>	<b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)</b>
1.	None