

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT</b>		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>CHANGES TO THE OPENING HOURS AT THE HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE (HWRC)</b>		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	<b>20 DECEMBER 2016</b>		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>SERVICE DIRECTOR - TRANSACTIONS &amp; UNIVERSAL SERVICES</b>		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>
None

### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

To re-programme reducing the opening hours at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) at City Depot & Recycling Park, until 1 October 2017. The reduction in opening hours was due to come into effect 1 January 2017.

Changes to opening hours at the HWRC were agreed at Cabinet on 16 August 2016. This delay will enable greater opportunity to monitor the impacts of recent charges for non-household and trade wastes.

Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth City Council will also not reduce opening hours at HWRCs across Hampshire for this same period of time.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) To re-programme the introduction of reduced opening hours at the HWRC to 1 October 2017. The reduction in opening hours won't come into effect until 1 October 2017 and are: two hours per day in the winter (11am – 4pm) and Monday – Friday in the summer (11am – 6pm). By one hour per day on Saturday and Sunday in the summer (10am – 6pm) and to close the HWRC, one day per week on a Thursday each week.
- (ii) That authority be delegated to the Service Director – Transactions and Universal Service, following consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, to implement all of the necessary operational and contractual changes and other actions for the recommendations to take effect.
- (iii) To note that any future changes need to be consistent as far as possible across Southampton City Council, Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Portsmouth City Council (PCC) as different opening times may result in increased numbers of visitors from outside the City and a resultant increase in disposal costs.

## **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. To note the opportunity for monitoring the impacts of the recent introduction of charges for non-household and trade wastes.
2. 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.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

3. None

## **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

4. 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 in the winter (11am – 4pm) and Monday – Friday in the summer (11am – 6pm). By one hour per day on Saturday and Sunday in the summer (10am – 6pm) and to close the HWRC, one day per week on a Thursday each week from 1 January 2017.
5. This decision was recommended in the context of the need to achieve operational savings and feedback from residents through the public consultation held from 16 March 2016 to 25 May 2016.
6. On 1st October 2016, Southampton City Council introduced charges for non-household wastes and from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016, for trade wastes.
7. The full impact of these charging schemes on customer and waste flows through the HWRC network will not be known for some time, as historically inputs to the HWRCs decline during the winter months. It is now considered that a further operating window would be helpful to fully understand the consequences of these measures, including the annual peak period of Easter and the May Bank Holidays.
8. A further consideration is the view made as part of consultation is that further restrictions to the HWRC service would lead to an increase in fly tipping.
9. Southampton City Council is working with partners to develop a strategy to reduce fly tipping.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital/Revenue**

10. There are no capital/revenue costs incurred by the Council by re-programming reducing the opening hours at the HWRC until 1 October 2017. There are no set up costs in delivering the proposal. The reduction in contract payments for nine months will be met.

### **Property/Other**

12. No property implications are identified.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

13. There are no legal implications to current proposals. If charging for the use of Southampton HWRC is introduced in the future, legislation changes may need to be passed by central government.

**Other Legal Implications:**

14. None.

**POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

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
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>	
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