
The Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Service

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report is to seek approval for proposals to mitigate against the effects of:
- the end of the cross border arrangement by Hampshire County Council for their residents to use the HWRC service, and
 - the decision to cease the arrangement with the re3 partnership for West Berkshire residents to use the Smallmead HWRC.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That new measures are introduced to control access to the Council's HWRC services; including a resident permit scheme and a booking system for residents using commercial type vehicles.
- 2.2 To explore with the Council's Waste Management Contractor the extension of the Padworth HWRC service in conjunction with 2.1.

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** Implications are set out in Part II
- 3.2 **Policy:** Implications are set out in Part II
- 3.3 **Personnel:** None
- 3.4 **Legal:** Implications are set out in Part II
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** Implications are set out in Part II
- 3.6 **Property:** None
- 3.7 **Other:** Implications are set out in Part II

4. Executive Summary

- 4.1 This report sets out proposals to change the HWRC service to mitigate against the effects of Hampshire County Council ending the cross border arrangement for Hampshire residents to use West Berkshire HWRCs and the end the arrangement with the re3 partnership for West Berkshire residents to use the Smallmead HWRC.
- 4.2 At the Special Council Meeting on 24 March 2016 the Council decided to end the arrangement with re3. Therefore, 3 months notice has been given to re3 which will end the agreement on the 30 June 2016. re3 have responded by introducing controls to stop residents from West Berkshire using their facility from the 1st July. The disposal of waste by West Berkshire residents at this facility will need to be managed through the Council's waste services.
- 4.3 From 1 April 2016 Hampshire County Council, having given notice, ended their financial contributions to allow Hampshire resident's access to the Padworth and Newtown Road HWRCs. Currently Hampshire residents are still using West Berkshire's HWRCs.

5. Proposals for Consideration

- 5.1 To mitigate against the loss of income from Hampshire Council, access to the West Berkshire HWRC sites could be controlled by:
- (1) Implementation of a resident permit scheme; a permit would be issued to West Berkshire residents free of charge. The permit would have to be visible to HWRC site staff to be able to permit entry at each visit to a West Berkshire HWRC site. This will prevent non-resident access and reduce the burden on the West Berkshire Service accordingly.
 - (2) Restrict access to commercial vehicles; The Council does not have a duty to accept commercial waste but despite current controls in place a there are vehicles were of a commercial nature still accessing the sites. It is however recognised that some residents only own commercial type vehicles or may have short term hire vehicles, therefore a booking system for these types of vehicles would allow genuine household waste disposal and recycling whilst denying access other businesses for the disposal of commercial waste.
- 5.2 To mitigate against the impact on residents following the decision by the re3 partnership to close access to West Berkshire residents the possibility of extending the service at the Padworth HWRC should be explored with the Council's Waste Management contractor

6. Appendices - None