



DECISION MAKER:	CABINET MEMBER: CONTRACTS & ASSETS
DECISION DATE:	1 SEPTEMBER 2014
TITLE OF REPORT:	TASK AND FINISH GROUP (GOSC) HEREFORDSHIRE HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES
REPORT BY:	WASTE DISPOSAL TEAM LEADER

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not a key decision

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To consider recommendations from General Overview and Scrutiny Committee (GOSC) following Task and Finish Group report on Herefordshire Councils Household Recycling Centres.

Recommendation

THAT:

- (a) **The Executive approve the responses to the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group report (summarised in Appendix 1).**
- (b) **That the responses to the recommendations are discussed with our partners Worcestershire County Council and future outcomes are reported to GOSC.**

Alternative Options

- 1 There are no alternative options to consider.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 The Task and Finish Group report considered the council's Household Recycling Centre service provided to Herefordshire householders including the recently imposed impact of additional restrictions to commercial vehicles and trailers. Following the review and following report GOSC agreed that the recommendations should be considered by the Executive who will report back to GOSC.

Key Considerations

- 3 The Task and Finish Group report and recommendations relates to the council's Household Recycling Centre service which is provided in partnership with Worcestershire County Council. Changes to this service can only be made following agreement by both Herefordshire Council and Worcestershire County Council.
- 4 Household Recycling Centres are places where householders may deposit their household waste. They are a statutory service provided by the council under the Environmental Protection Act, 1990.
- 5 Please note the recommendations from the report listed in Appendix 1 together with an initial response from the waste management team. The scope of the recommendations covers various aspects of the Household Recycling service including:
 - a. Recently introduced (October 2013) restrictions imposed by the Commercial Vehicle and Trailer permit scheme. This scheme limits use of commercial vehicles and/or trailers at our Household Recycling Centres to limit unlawful deposit of trade waste and congestion caused by large vehicles.
 - b. Management and operation of the Household Recycling Centres by our joint contractor Mercia Waste Management/Severn Waste Services.
 - c. Enforcement activities that help to limit unlawful deposit of commercial waste. These are currently only undertaken in Herefordshire by the council's Community Protection Team.
 - d. Promotion and advertising of the service to advise people of any changes at the Household Recycling Centres.
- 6 Worcestershire County Council will use the Task and Finish Group Report to help inform a review of the changes to the Commercial Vehicle and Trailer permit scheme introduced at all Household Recycling Centres the date of which will be reported to GOSC.
- 7 The recommendations will be considered in partnership with Worcestershire County Council through our joint governance arrangements so that an appropriate response, including details of actions to be taken, can be returned to GOSC. The suggested timetable for this process is detailed below:

Action Summary	By who
Report Provided to WCC	Kenton Vigus
Report and Recommendations Considered by WCC/HC Heads of Service	Richard Wood/ Rachel Hill
Report to Joint Review Board	Geoff Hughes, John Hobbs, Richard Wood, Rachel Hill, Richard Woodward
Any Actions Agreed	Richard Wood/ Rachel Hill
Report to GOSC	Cllr Bramer/Kenton Vigus

- 8 Details of the proposed actions to be taken by the councils along with an accompanying rationale will be reported back to GOSC at the earliest practicable time.

Community Impact

- 9 The Household Recycling Centre service is provided to any householder in Herefordshire wishing to use them to dispose of their household waste. Any changes to the service provided are likely to have a community impact. However as no changes have yet been proposed there is currently no community impact to consider.

Equality and Human Rights

- 10 No changes have been recommended therefore currently there are no equality or human rights impacts to consider.

Financial Implications

- 11 Costs of any changes to the service will be shared with Worcestershire County Council and managed within our approved budget.

Legal Implications

- 12 The council has a duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, as a Waste Disposal Authority, to provide places where householder may deposit their household waste. The service is not provided for any waste other than householders own household waste.

Risk Management

- 13 The main risks are legal and financial. The legal risks are that we do something which may be in breach of the Environment Agency permit and/or planning permission at any of our Household Recycling Centres. The financial risks are by doing more than our statutory duty requires could incur additional expenditure beyond our existing approved waste management budget.

- 14 These risks are managed through our agreed Governance arrangements for our Joint Waste Management Services Contract as detailed in the Joint Working Agreement revised in May 2014. This establishes responsibilities at appropriate levels of management from the respective council cabinet to Heads of Service with responsibility for waste.

Consultees

- 15 Worcestershire County Council, our partners in the joint waste contract which provides Household Recycling Centres and other waste disposal services.

Background

GOSC Reports Pack 30 June 2014

Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Herefordshire and Worcestershire 2009