

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Officer decision to implement trial extended opening at Ross on Wye Household Recycling Centre
Date of decision:	7 December 2018
Decision maker:	Acting Assistant Director for Regulation, Environment & Waste
Authority for delegated decision:	This is an operational decision made under the directorate scheme of delegation as outlined in Section 7 of the constitution. Para 3.7.5
Ward:	Ross on Wye
Consultation:	N/A
Decision made:	To implement an additional day per week opening of Ross on Wye HRC for a trial period of 6 months.
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross on Wye Household Recycling Centre (HRC) is currently open 3 days per week but is one of the busiest HRCs in the county. It accepts the third highest throughput of household waste after Hereford HRC and Leominster HRC and on an individual open day can be as busy as Hereford HRC in terms of numbers of users. • The population of Ross on Wye and surrounding area has increased since opening of the existing site. • The popularity of the site, particularly during summer months, can cause congestion on the public highway. • Additional opening responds to increased demand for the service from a growing population and will mitigate traffic congestion caused by queueing vehicles at busy times. • A 6 month trial will allow the council to assess if extending opening hours alleviates congestion and will allow a greater understanding of the real financial implications of opening an extra day. • The trial is expected to commence on 1 April 2019 subject to planning consent and agreement with our contractors.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be increased staffing costs of approx. £7,500 and estimated waste processing costs of around £10,000 resulting from a 6 month trial. • There is a risk that planning permission will not be obtained to opening the site on Mondays.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do nothing - this is not recommended because it would not respond to increased demand nor alleviate congestion on the public highway. • Open the site permanently on Monday - this is not recommended as it will not allow the impact on congestion and cost to be assessed.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	No declarations of interest.

Signed Date: 7th December 2018