

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Officer decision to extend opening days at Ross on Wye Household Recycling Centre
Date of decision:	2 October 2019
Decision maker:	Acting Assistant Director for Regulation, Environment and Waste
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Operational decision under directorate scheme of delegation as outlined in Section 7 of the constitution. Para 3.7.5.</p> <p>An operational decision involves the day to day management of the council. They are usually incidental to a function being exercised by the council. Such decisions are taken by the chief executive, in accordance with the scheme of delegation and any financial or contracting requirements specified in the finance or contracts procedure rules and will be classed as operational so long as it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is within an approved budget; • Is not in conflict with the council's policies, strategies or relevant service plans; • Does not amend existing or raise new policy issues.
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	Public consultation was carried out in July 2019.
Decision made:	Opening of Ross on Wye Household Recycling Centre to be extended from 3 days per week to 4 days per week.
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 12.9% of those who responded to the July 2019 public consultation exercise thought that opening days should be reduced, implying that there is majority support for an extension in days. • There is sufficient budget to fund this change through our joint waste disposal arrangements with Worcestershire County Council. • Options to reduce hours at less busy times, such as in the winter, are being considered to offset additional cost. • There is no conflict with any council policy, strategy or service plan. • This decision does not amend existing policies nor raise new policy issues. • Extended opening reflects demand for the service in Ross on Wye, which has the third greatest annual use for Herefordshire's recycling centres and has the highest number of users per open day. • Additional opening over a trial period reduced queuing vehicles out on to the busy Station Approach road off, which the site is located adjacent to.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	A variation to the waste management services contract will be required, so there is a risk that this may not be agreed.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not extending opening days was considered, but this would have resulted in the service not reflecting demand and not responding to congestion problems caused by queuing vehicles.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	No declarations of interest.

Signed: 2 October 2019