

## Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>Reduce opening hours at Ledbury household recycling centre to winter hours in line with all other HRCs</b>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	30 August 2021
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Interim Director of Economy and Place
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	Chief Executive Scheme of Delegation – Updated 7 June 2021 Director Economy and Place SA48 Environment and waste
<b>Ward:</b>	County wide
<b>Consultation:</b>	Cabinet Member - Commissioning, Procurement and Assets, Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste and the Head of Environment, Climate Emergency & Waste
<b>Decision made:</b>	To move to winter opening hours from 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2021 at Ledbury Household Recycling Centre in line with all other household recycling centres across the county
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>In January 2020 a decision was taken as below:  <i>Subject to a successful contract variation, winter opening hours of Household Recycling Centre's will be reduced between the 1 October and 31 March each year to 0800 to 1600 (from current hours of 0800 to 1800).</i>  <i>Subject to a successful variation to planning permission, Sunday opening at Ledbury Household Recycling Centre will be extended to 0800 to 1800 (Summer) and 0800 to 1600 (winter), current hours are 0930 to 1300.</i>  <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6600">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6600</a></p> <p>In September 2020 a subsequent decision was taken to maintain the summer opening hours at Ledbury as planning permission had not yet been sought to extend the opening hours on Sunday.  <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7198">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=7198</a></p> <p>Planning permission has now been approved but with a condition which restricts HGV movement from the site on Sundays therefore Sunday opening is currently 09:30 to 18:00 instead of from 08:00          Another application is currently with planning to vary the condition to allow the site to open from 08:00 on Sundays and determination is expected on 15<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>Usage of the site from 24<sup>th</sup> July to 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021 is at an average of 73% booked.</p> <p>The disposal of garden waste will begin to fall shortly and will be reduced by 1<sup>st</sup> October therefore the number of bookings is also expected to reduce.</p> <p>If the planning application is not successful and the usage on site reaches 100% of slots booked.the number of slots available per hour could be reviewed to potentially increase the capacity across the reduced opening hours to match that of the other market towns.</p>

<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	Planning application to amend condition is not successful and opening hours at Ledbury are then less than the other market town sites. If the reduced hours are not implemented again this year then the full reduced savings as set out in the decision from Jan 2020 will not be realized.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	Maintain the summer opening opening hours but this has been rejected as usage at the site suggests it is not necessary and would not allow agreed savings to be achieved.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed

Date: 30 August 2021

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