

**COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 16 November 2017**

**Question 1**

Councillor PP Marsh

To: cabinet member: contracts and assets

How can the proposal to massively reduce disposal at Council sites by St Michaels hospice be sensible given the many tonnes of county resident's waste they reuse and recycle through their shops and their major local contribution to the wellbeing of vulnerable county residents and their families?

**Written response provided by cabinet member**

The case for placing limits on the number of free waste deposits Herefordshire based charity shops may make in any year is fully explained in the decision report on the council's website and took account of feedback received during consultation.

The highly valued work of St Michaels Hospice, and the many other charities operating charity shops in the county, is not in question. However, to address the impacts of the phased removal of central government funding, the council must consider generating income in accordance with its charging principles. The new permit scheme will enable St Michaels hospice to make use of 48 free waste disposals a year; this new limit will be phased in over a period of three years.