

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Maintain current opening hours at Ledbury household recycling centre
Date of decision:	18 September 2020
Decision maker:	Director of Economy and Place
Authority for delegated decision:	Chief Executive Scheme of Delegation – Updated 24 August 2020 Director economy and place SA48 Environment and waste
Ward:	County wide
Consultation:	Cabinet Member - Commissioning, Procurement and Assets, Cabinet Member for Finance & Corporate Services, Assistant Director for Regulatory, Environment and Waste and the Head of Environment, Climate Emergency & Waste.
Decision made:	To maintain the current opening hours at Ledbury Household Recycling Centre (8am to 6pm Wednesday and Saturday and 9:30 to 1pm on Sunday), whilst all other household recycling centres across the county move to winter opening hours from 1 st October 2020.
Reasons for decision:	<p>In January 2020 a decision was taken as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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> <p>Due to COVID-19 there has been a delay in applying for planning permission to extend the opening hours at Ledbury whilst resources were focussed on dealing with the pandemic.</p> <p>Maintaining current opening hours means Ledbury will remain open during the winter for the same number of hours each week as Bromyard and Kington household recycling centres which is important because currently the bookings are about 84% of the slots that are available so demand for use of the site is high.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confusion from residents due to changes in opening hours at other sites but clear communications should prevent this. • There should be no financial changes as a direct result of maintaining the current opening hours at Ledbury.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Reducing the opening hours on Wednesday and Saturday in line with winter opening hours across other sites has been considered. This has been rejected because it would mean the site is open for less hours than any other site but demand at the site is quite high so would have a negative impact on residents. It would also have a negative financial impact on the staff currently working on the site and may result in a loss of staff.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed

Date: 23 September 2020

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Director for Economy and Place