

## Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	<b>Extension of reusable nappy pilot scheme to meet public demand</b>
<b>Date of decision:</b>	12 April 2022
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Director of Resources and Assurance, (Section 151 Officer)
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	<p>The Cabinet decision dated 29 July 2021 'To set out the councils new Integrated Waste Management Strategy and Waste Handling Pilots' authorises the section 151 officer to take all operational decisions relating to the recommendations outlined in the report. The decision and report can be viewed using the link below</p> <p><a href="#">Decision - To set out the councils new Integrated Waste Management Strategy and Waste Handling Pilots - Herefordshire Council</a></p>
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide
<b>Consultation:</b>	<p>Cabinet Member - Commissioning, Procurement and Assets            Head of Environment, Climate Emergency &amp; Waste            Waste Services Manager            Commercial Services Manager            Senior Lawyer – Legal Services            Finance Manager Corporate Services</p>
<b>Decision made:</b>	To increase total funding for the reusable nappy financial incentive pilot project to £70,000, from the initial £15,000 to increase the total number of grant awards from 75 to 350.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>The scheme has received significant public interest and has been far more successful than initially anticipated based upon other local schemes. Applications to the scheme have far exceeded initial expectations of 75 grant awards during the pilot project.</p> <p>Additional funding from within the Waste Strategy Budget will be made available to allow the council to process all applications currently received alongside new applications to build upon the public interest in the project.</p> <p>This reusable nappy incentive pilot project is one of the immediate term priority waste reduction projects which supports delivery of Target 2 within the council's Integrated Waste Management Strategy – Reduce residual household waste arising's to less than 330kg /hhld/year by 2035 of Appendix A.</p> <p>If all 350 grants are allocated during this scheme and there is a permanent shift away from disposable nappies there would be savings of £51,800 in waste disposal costs. Future additional savings in waste disposal costs will be generated as nappies purchased via the scheme are reused again across the county. Further reductions might also be achieved as they can be used for siblings or donated to the Nappy Library</p> <p>This scheme also forms part of a long term strategy to reduce waste. By providing additional funding significant public interest in the scheme can be met, achieving a rapid shift towards the use of reusable nappies and creating platform for future increased in use across Herefordshire.</p>
<b>Highlight associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<p><b>any</b> A review of the pilot project and development of the full scheme will be undertaken during the duration of this extension before any further decisions are proposed.</p> <p>An exemption has been granted to waive the Council's contract procedure rules.</p> <p>Fraudulent Claims – Parents/guardians will be required to provide evidence in the form of a Mat b1 certificate or birth certificate for the child, and proof of residence</p>

	in Herefordshire. Checks will be completed by the grants team and a Waste Transformation Officer in the event of any contentious applications. Partnered online retailers will also confirm purchase for approved products only.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	To continue the scheme based upon the original funding set aside of £15,000 equating to 75 grant awards. This would severely limit the schemes ability to capitalise upon the significant public interest in the project, and limit the potential opportunity to reduce waste created by the use of disposal nappies.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	If any officers or members involved or consulted in the decision-making have declared an interest you should include the declaration here.

Signed

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Director of Resources & Assurance

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