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REVIEW OF HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to propose changes to household recycling centre opening hours, in order to make the budget savings agreed by full Council on 24 February 2015.

It is proposed that from 13 July 2015:

- (i) household recycling centres opening hours would be from 10am to 4pm on each day they are open;
- (ii) household recycling centres would all open on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, which are the days when usage is at its highest, along with two additional weekdays.

The proposed changes would see at least one household recycling centre open on all seven days in each of the four geographic areas (north, east, south and west Wiltshire).

Appendix 1 shows the proposed opening days for each household recycling centre.

Consultation

As part of the budget setting process the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee was asked to approve and scrutinise the budget proposals and Wiltshire Council's Financial Plan Update 2015/16. Cabinet considered its findings as well as feedback from four public meetings held across the county from 26 January to 5 February. Trade union feedback was sought at the Group Leaders meeting held on 5 February.

Options Considered

To review opening hours at household recycling centres in order to achieve the savings target of £300,000 agreed by full Council on 24 February 2015.

Reason for Decision

The proposed changes would allow the council to make savings of £290,000 per annum without the need to permanently close any household recycling centres in Wiltshire. The proposed opening hours also ensure that residents have access to at least one household recycling

centre within their area (north, south, east or west Wiltshire) seven days a week and to all household recycling centres on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, at times when the sites are busiest.

DECISION MADE

I approve that from 13 July 2015:

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- (ii) household recycling centres would open on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, which are the days when usage is at its highest, along with two additional weekdays.

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This decision was published on 20 May 2015 and will come into force on 29 May 2015.

The following supporting documents are attached:

- Report
- Appendix 1 - Proposed revised opening hours per site
- Appendix 2 - Average number of visitors per day and per hour in 2014
- Appendix 3 - Distances between household recycling centres
- Appendix 4 - Comments received during consultation period

Date: 20 May 2015

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Property, Waste and Strategic Housing