

Meeting: Finance Sub-Committee

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Title: Household Waste Recycling Centre

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Service: Environment, Housing and Leisure

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to respond to the request received from Sub-Committee to provide an update on performance against the business case to introduce a charge for non-household waste (construction and demolition waste) at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) along with a permit scheme for vans and trailers.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Finance Sub-Committee are asked to note the report.

3. Details

3.1 Background

As part of the 2017-2020 Financial Planning and Budget Setting Process a business case was included to introduce a charge for non-household waste (construction and demolition waste) at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) along with a permit scheme for vans and trailers. This formed part of a wider 10 year plan for waste.

The aim of the business case was to reduce waste disposal charges through stopping abuse by traders, and generating some income. A net savings/income target of £0.200m was set.

3.2 Implementation of Restrictions

On 1 July 2017, restrictions were introduced on the types of vehicles that could use the HWRC. The introduction of the restrictions was to address concerns relating to health and safety issues, as well as to reduce the amount of trade waste being brought onto the site. Following the introduction of the restrictions, there has been a significant reduction in traffic congestion coupled with a significant reduction in waste volumes at the site.

On 13 November 2017, Cabinet noted the positive effect of the restrictions and approved the introduction of a permit scheme and charges for the disposal of non-household waste. This was implemented on Monday 19 February 2018 following a delegated decision by the Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure.

3.3 Financial Update

As at 31 December 2017, the reduction in residual waste delivered to the HWRC from April 2017 when compared to the same period in 2016-17 is 20%. This equates to a cost reduction of £0.169m. This is exclusively due to the vehicle restrictions introduced in July 2017 given that the permit scheme and charges for the disposal of non-household waste were not introduced until February 2018.

The business case is forecast to meet the £0.200m target.

4. **Appendices**

There are no appendices to this report.

5. **Background Information**

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author.

[Report to Cabinet, 13 November 2017](#)

[Delegated Decision, 6 February 2018](#)

[Business Case Appendix, 2 Feb 2017 \(Page 79\)](#)