

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rationalisation of Household Waste Recycling Centres- Consultation 15th September 2011

Report of Head of Environmental Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide information which will inform Lancaster City Council's response to Lancashire County Council's consultation on the rationalisation of household waste recycling centres.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- (1) **That the Council Business Committee agrees a response to the County Council consultation 'Rationalisation of Household Waste Recycling Centres'.**

1.0 Introduction

1.1 In February the decision was taken by Lancashire County Council to further rationalise their network of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs). The closures would reduce operating costs and make better use of the remaining facilities thus making the network more cost effective.

1.2 It is accepted, by the County Council, that closures will have an impact on the local communities which they serve. However, it is not considered cost effective to provide two facilities in districts where the waste generated can be accommodated at one HWRC or where there are alternative suitable facilities relatively close by.

1.3 The review of Lancashire County Council's HWRC network has taken place on the basis of providing at least one HWRC per district. Thereafter, the remaining facilities have been evaluated using information on the tonnages they receive, property related factors and the effects that the closure of each facility would have on the population of a district as a whole.

2.0 Proposal Details

2.1 The report recommends the closure of the following Household Waste Recycling Centres :

- Garstang
- Great Harwood

- Bacup
- Colne

2.2 In the Lancaster District there are two HWRCs. These are located at Salt Ayre and Keer Bridge (Carnforth). The review makes the following recommendations with regards to these-

- It is recommended that neither Salt Ayre nor Keer Bridge HWRCs are closed as part of this review.
- However, future consideration should be given - separately to this review - to the further refining and improvement of the HWRC network by replacement of both facilities with a new HWRC which better accommodates the number of visits and tonnages generated in the district.

2.3 It is intended to consult locally with all of the District, Town and Parish Councils in Lancashire before finalising any recommendations. The actual consultation review document is attached as APPENDIX 1

2.4 A draft response to the consultation is attached at APPENDIX 2. The Business Committee are asked to consider this response and agree Lancaster City Council's formal response to the consultation.

3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 As outlined in the report and appendices.

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

4.1 Option 1-To provide a response to the consultation. A draft response is attached at Appendix 2

4.2 Option 2-To not provide a response to the consultation

4.3 The officer preferred option is option 1

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 The report provides information on which to base a response to the County Council's consultation.

<p>CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)</p>
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<p>Corporate Plan 2011-14- Statutory Responsibilities- Deliver the objectives of the Lancashire Waste Strategy 2008 to 2020.</p>
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<p>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</p>

<p>Legal Services have been consulted and have no comments to add.</p>
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**Human Resources:**

None.

Information Services:

None.

Property:

None.

Open Spaces:

None.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Deputy S151 officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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