

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Environment</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> September 2010</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Opening Hours – Household Waste Recycling Centres</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

- 5.1 This report outlines the proposal for changes in opening hours during the winter operations at the Council's four Household Waste Recycling Centres.

**6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 **Members are requested to approve the proposed Changes in opening hours for implementation from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010.**

## 7. Proposals and Details

- 7.1 The Council currently operates four Household Waste Recycling Centres as follows:

Car Hill, Greasbrough  
Warren Vale, Rawmarsh  
Lidget Lane, Ravenfield  
Magilla, North Anston

The sites are managed Waste Recycling Group (WRG) as part of a joint venture contract with Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Councils (BDR).

- 7.2 Consideration has been given to reducing operational costs by changing the opening hours during the winter period, 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March inclusive. Sites are closed on the Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day public holidays.
- 7.3 **Current Situation** - winter opening hours at all sites are **9:30am until 5:00pm, 7days a week**. During this period, because of the reduced daylight hours, the number of visitors to the sites after 4:00pm is greatly reduced.
- 7.4 **Proposed changes** - It is proposed that winter opening hours should be changed to **9:30am until 4:00pm, 7days a week** thus reducing the opening times by one hour per day at each site.
- 7.5 The proposed changes are not expected to have a significant impact on customer service. During the last year, 3 of the HWRCs have been closed for refurbishment at different times without serious detriment.

## 8. Finance

- 8.1 The change to opening hours will result in a reduced site management fee payable to WRG. This will generate a saving of £26,470.52 in the current financial year.

## 9. Risks and Uncertainties

- 9.1 It is anticipated that inconvenience to the public will be minimal.
- 9.2 Some incidents of localised fly tipping near to sites may occur, it is our intention to minimise this risk through advance publicity, increased inspections and co-operation with the Environmental Wardens.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The provision of Household Waste Recycling Centres is an important part of the Council's Waste Management Strategy, focusing on recycling and composting waste and reducing our input into landfill. This follows a more sustainable method of waste management which minimises the risk to the environment and safeguards public health for this and future generations.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Household Waste Recycling Centre Contract 2008 - 2015

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