

Cabinet Member Delegated Decision Form

Decision Title

Household Waste Recycling Centre Policies Public Consultation

Decision Required

Following the Prosperous Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 10 November 2022, where they considered a report on potential changes to a number of policies associated with the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC), a decision is required to hold a public consultation on the introduction of a van permitting system and controls for commercial (trade) waste. The views and preferences for various options being considered are to be sought from Staffordshire residents and Staffordshire businesses.

Decision Date

Decision Summary

At its meeting on 15 June 2022, Cabinet was advised that the existing Policy for the Usage of Household Waste Recycling Centres was approved in 2013 and needed to be reviewed and updated. Proposals of amendments to the policies were considered by Prosperous Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10 November 2022. The Committee agreed that a consultation should be undertaken before any final decisions are made and that the service will report the outcome of the consultation back to a future Prosperous Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the final policy changes for implementation during 2023/24.

This decision will allow for the consultation to commence, and it is envisaged this will start in early December 2022 and run for 7 weeks over the Christmas and New Year period when sites are particularly busy.

Member Delegated Function

General Delegation to Cabinet Member – Section 6 of the Constitution

Public / Exempt

Public

Options Considered

Several options have been considered including do nothing.

When considering changes to the policy, the guidance is that local authorities should consult on any proposed changes to their policies with interested parties. Feedback from consultation would enable us to refine the options and make recommendations to enable Cabinet to make an informed decision on final policy changes which would have considered the views of the people of Staffordshire.

The service is well utilised by residents, with nearly 1.6 million visits per annum across the sites in Staffordshire. The service is also used by traders with c2,500 visits being made by registered traders in 2019/20.

Consultation Process

The service has sought the views of Prosperous Overview and Scrutiny Committee (10 November 2022) with policy change options to be consulted on.

The HWRC service will work with corporate colleagues to support the public consultation and to identify timelines, etc, for reporting feedback to Prosperous Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet before implementing any final policy changes.

It is proposed that the consultation will commence in early December 2022 and run for a period of 7 weeks.

Electoral Divisions Affected

All Electoral Divisions.

Name of Cabinet Member Making Decision:

Councillor Simon Tagg

Community Impact Assessment

Key Issues

A Community Impact Assessment will be completed to support any Cabinet Report to recommend Policy changes for implementation.

Resource and Value for Money Analysis

A robust consultation process will ensure that any changes to policy are considered appropriately. Consideration will be given to resource and value for money as part of any final decision-making process.

Risk Analysis

Failure to consult would mean that:

- The Service would be implementing Policy changes without seeking the views of Staffordshire residents and businesses and considering concerns they may have.
- Budgetary and operational pressures would not be addressed resulting in a lack of investment in the service.
- There would be a decline in the physical aesthetics of the HWRCs.
- There would be a decline in the visitor experience.
- A reduction in recycling opportunities for the HWRCs.

Legal Analysis

- The Council has a statutory duty to provide HWRC's but does not have a statutory duty to collect trade waste across the Household Waste Recycling Centre network.

Implementation

Is any implementation action required?

Yes

To be implemented by: Nick Bentley

Implementation Status

Work to commence on:	5 December 2022
Work in progress:	7week consultation
Work completed on date below:	22 January 2023

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