ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

22ND FEBRUARY 2019

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES POLICY REPORT

Purpose:
To provide information on proposed new policies in relation to waste restrictions on our Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs).

To consider and comment on the following issues:

That the Committee considers the following draft proposals which Executive Board will consider in respect of our HWRCs:

- Reduce opening hours by 1 hour each day – 1st April 2019.
- Ban on commercial waste – 1st April 2019.
- Residency checks – phased from 1st April 2019.
- Permit system – 3rd June 2019 (see Appendix A relating to vehicle types).
- Black bag sorting – phased from 1st October 2019.

Reasons:
If the proposed polices are adopted this could lead to a 4.1% increase in our overall recycling rate and a potential net saving to the waste budget of approximately £275k for reinvestment into other initiatives to further increase recycling.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: YES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr. Hazel Evans (Environment)

Directorate: Environment		
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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1. Introduction

Carmarthenshire County Council provides waste services to approximately 89,000 households and offers a fortnightly residual black waste collection and co-mingled kerbside recycling service as well as a weekly food collection.

2. Background

In 2016-17 Carmarthenshire County Council was exceeding the Welsh Government 2019/20 recycling target of 64%, However, due to changes in our disposal arrangements for our residual waste, reclassification of some wood recycling, and increased residual waste deposited at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) this performance has now dropped to 61% in the first two quarters of 2018-19.

This means at present there is a significant risk of not meeting the statutory recycling target of 64% in 2019/20 and therefore being potentially exposed to significant financial penalties from Welsh Government.

In order to address this challenge a Household Waste Recycling Centre review has been undertaken to assess options available to the Authority for achieving both cost savings and improved recycling performance.

From analysis it can be seen that:

- From 2015/16 onwards significant increases in waste arisings are being experienced across the network.
- Total residual (non-recyclable) waste deposited at HWRCs has increased by over 5,000 tonnes since 2014/15 an increase of 126%.
- HWRC Recycling performance has decreased from 76.6% in 2015/16 to 68.25% 2018/19.

There are three main factors relating to the type and quantity of waste disposed of at the HWRCs that in turn affect our overall recycling performance:

- Commercial waste.
- Waste from neighbouring counties.
- Recyclable waste not being segregated and simply deposited in black bags.

3. Other considerations:

The HWRC's currently operate spring/summer and autumn/winter opening times.

April – September: 8.30am – 7.00pm.

October – March: 8.30am – 5.00pm.

Due to the significantly reduced site usage between 6 -7pm in summer and 4-5pm in winter it is proposed to reduce the spring/summer opening times to 8.30am – 6.00pm (1-hour reduction) and autumn/winter opening times to 8.30am – 4.00pm (1-hour reduction).

In undertaking this 1-hour reduction over a 12-month period would result in cost savings in the region of £40,000.

Summary

It is recommended that the following proposals are implemented as set out:

- Reduce opening hours by 1 hour each day – 1st April 2019.
- Ban on commercial waste at HWRC's – 1st April 2019.
- Residency checks – phased from 1st April 2019.
- Permit system – June 2019 (see Appendix A relating to vehicle types).
- Black Bag sorting – phased from 1st October 2019.

If the proposed polices are adopted this could lead to a 4.1% increase in our overall recycling rate and a potential net saving to the waste budget of approximately £275k for reinvestment into other initiatives to further increase recycling.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	**YES**

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Ainsley Williams **Head of Waste & Environmental Service**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
None	**NONE**	**NONE**	**NONE**	**NONE**	**NONE**	**NONE**

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Ainsley Williams **Head of Waste & Environmental Services**

1. **Local Members:** N/A
2. **Community / Town Council: N/A**
3. **Relevant Partners - Cwm Environmental Ltd.**
4. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A**

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE