

## **ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SELECT COMMITTEE**

### **Item under consideration: PROPOSED CHANGES TO SURREY'S COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES [Item 7]**

**Date Considered: 7 September 2017**

#### **Key points raised during the discussion:**

- The Select Committee received a presentation from the Waste Service covering the financial position of the Council, cost reductions already made from Community Recycling Centre's (CRCs), the public consultation undertaken and the proposed changes being put before Cabinet.
- The Committee raised concerns around the possible increase in fly-tipping if the proposed changes in the report were agreed by Cabinet. It was agreed that a more uniform method of recording fly-tipping was needed from the County Council, police and borough and districts which also included the recording of fly-tipping on private land.
- Concerns were also raised around the removal of the free daily allowance for construction waste and the possible increase in fly-tipping as a result of this. Officers explained that since the introduction of charging at CRCs, there had been a reduction in the amount of waste going to CRCs. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport further added that the two proposals being put forward before Cabinet were the best options officers could arrive at taking into account consultation feedback and the savings required.
- A vote was taken by the Select Committee on Proposal 1 and Proposal 2. The votes were as follows,
  - Proposal 1- four votes for and eight votes against.
  - Proposal 2- five votes for, three votes against and four abstentions.
- It was agreed that a set of recommendations be submitted to Cabinet from the Select Committee.

#### **Recommendations:**

The Environment and Infrastructure Select Committee made the following recommendations:

- a) That Cabinet reconsider the removal of the free daily allowance.
- b) That a network of CRC sites across the county are open 7 days a week.

- c) That a more robust method for recording fly tipping is agreed and implemented in partnership with district and boroughs which includes fly tipping on private land.
- d) For more work to be done around further reuse and black bag sorting, so more advantage can be taken of commercial opportunities.

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