



## **Environment and Infrastructure Select Committee 11 October 2017**

### **Call in: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO SURREY'S COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES (COST REDUCTIONS) (Item 7)**

**Purpose of the report:** Scrutiny of Services and Budgets

The Committee has called in the Cabinet decision regarding community recycling centres.

#### **Introduction:**

1. On 26 September 2017 the Cabinet took the decision to make changes to Surrey's community recycling centres. This followed a period of public consultation, and the proposals being subject to pre-decision scrutiny by the Committee on 7 September 2017.
2. Following concerns raised by a number of Committee Members, the Committee decided to call-in the decision for reconsideration.

#### **Background:**

3. Decision text :

#### **RESOLVED:**

The Cabinet agreed that:

1. That a strategic network of CRCs will remain open for seven days a week. Other sites will be open at specified times as per the tabled document listing proposed CRC opening times.
2. That the four CRCs at Bagshot, Cranleigh, Dorking and Warlingham remain open in light of the views submitted in the public consultation. Details of the proposed times of operation will be tabled at the Cabinet meeting;
3. That the free daily allowance of chargeable waste from the construction, alteration or repair of homes and gardens such as rubble,

plasterboard and soil is stopped from December 2017, as set out in paragraphs 27 to 28 of the submitted report;

4. Vans and trailers are excluded from CRCs at Bagshot, Caterham, Cranleigh, Dorking, Farnham and Warlingham from December 2017 as set out in paragraphs 29 to 31 of the submitted report;

5. Residents from Bracknell Forest and Wokingham are excluded from Camberley, and that the Strategic Director, Environment & Infrastructure in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning agrees any further restrictions on non-Surrey residents using the sites in Camberley and Farnham following further discussions with Hampshire County Council, as set out in paragraphs 32 to 35 of the submitted report.

6. Cabinet supports maximising the use of all CRC sites and achieving the best public value and that work continues to progress further efficiency measures at CRCs for example as stated in paragraphs 36 to 37 of the submitted report.

7. The Surrey Waste Partnership is supported to promote the better use of kerbside services and other waste disposal services.

### **Reasons for decisions**

At present there is spare capacity at the CRC network because of a reduction in throughput due to the previous changes. An adequate service can be retained if the above additional efficiency measures are implemented that will achieve an estimated cost reduction in a full year of £1.08 - £1.56 million. Table 3 in paragraph 43 gives a breakdown by efficiency measure. These recommendations take note of the views expressed in the public consultation and, the impact to the public (including those with protected characteristics) and the environment. If these recommendations are introduced it will reduce costs and provide better value for money for the Surrey taxpayer, whilst still maintaining a comprehensive service that supports the strategic aims of increasing recycling and reducing landfill, and meets its legal requirements as a Waste Disposal Authority.

*[The decisions on this item can be called in by the Environment and Infrastructure Select Committee]*

4. The following documents in relation to the decision made on 26 September are attached:
  - Report considered by Cabinet on 26 September 2017 (Appendix 1)
  - Cabinet response to Committee recommendations (Appendix 2)

- The call-in notice received by Democratic Services on 28 September 2017 (Appendix 3)
- Extract from *Litter Strategy for England April 2017* (Appendix 4)

#### **The Call-In:**

5. The Committee is asked to consider the above evidence alongside any evidence presented by witnesses at the call-in meeting in order to review the decision taken by the Cabinet.
6. The Committee is asked whether or not it wishes to refer the decision back to the Cabinet for reconsideration.
7. If the Committee decides to refer back to the Cabinet it must provide its reasons for doing so.

#### **Recommendations:**

That the Committee reviews the decision of the Cabinet taken on 26 September 2017 and concludes whether it wishes to refer this back to the Cabinet for reconsideration.

#### **Next Steps:**

Should the Committee decide to support the decision of the Cabinet; the decision will take effect on the date of the Committee meeting.

Should the Board refer the decision back, it will need to be reconsidered by Cabinet.

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#### **Sources/background papers:**

Cabinet Agenda Papers:

<https://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=120&MId=5110&Ver=4>

Cabinet Decision Details:

<https://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/documents/g5110/Decisions%20Tuesday%2026-Sep-2017%2014.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=2>

Annex 1 – Cabinet report

Annex 2 – Response to Committee recommendations

Annex 3 – Call in notice

Annex 4 – Extract from *Litter Strategy for England April 2017*