

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
<b>Date:</b>	13 November 2018
<b>Title:</b>	Household Waste Recycling Centres Accessibility Review
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That Hampshire County Council adopts a formal accessibility policy regarding parking and admittance to HWRCs to be consistently applied across all sites in Hampshire.
- 1.2. That the current policy exempting Blue Badge holders from requiring a permit to use the HWRC in a commercial-type vehicle or large trailer is removed unless the vehicle has been specifically adapted for their purposes, or where it can be shown that an un-adapted commercial type vehicle is necessitated by the nature of a disability.
- 1.3. That the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, is authorised to approve exceptions to the policy in particular, relevant circumstances.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Decisions regarding size and location of accessible parking spaces at HWRCs have historically been taken on a local (site) basis, leading to some inconsistency between sites. A formal policy will eradicate this.
- 2.2. The County Council is potentially at risk of challenge on the basis of positive discrimination by maintaining the current exemption for Blue Badge holders.

### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Continuing the existing arrangement whereby accessibility decisions are taken at a local (site) level, leading to inconsistency in approach across the network of HWRCs in Hampshire.
- 3.2. Maintaining the existing exemption for Blue badge holders from requiring a permit, putting the County Council at possible risk of positive discrimination.

### 4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.**

6. **Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.**

7. **Statement from the Decision Maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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**13 November 2018**

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport  
Councillor Rob Humby**