

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
Date:	8 October 2020
Title:	T21 Waste Savings Proposals
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the cessation of Recycling Credit payments for materials (such as glass) for which provision has been made within the Waste Disposal contract from April 2021.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves that from April 2021 the County Council recharges the Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs) for those extra opening hours that are requested outside of those prescribed in the current agreement between authorities on operation of waste sites.
- 1.3. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment approves the withdrawal of the glass bottle banks from the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) network.
- 1.4. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment delegates authority to the Director for Economy, Transport and Environment to propose to, and work with, its Waste Authority partners to develop proposals for a new joint working agreement that ensures that continuing joint working arrangements are fit for purpose with regards to current operations and reflect the service changes that will be needed in order to meet the Government's Consistency of Collection requirements.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. These decisions are being made to deliver Transformation savings from the Waste budget in delivery of the Transformation to 2019 and Transformation to 2021 programmes. These were set out in the Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Department's Transformation to 2019 – Revenue Savings Proposals, and Transformation to 2021 – Revenue Savings Proposals, and were recommended by the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment to Cabinet and subsequently approved by Council in November 2017 and 2019 respectively.

2.2. The specific details of each of these decisions will enable these actions to be executed and the savings realised.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. The potential not to re-balance the financial arrangements with the districts was considered but rejected, as this is one of the few areas of discretionary expenditure within the waste budget, albeit with historic context, from which it is possible to make savings. The vast majority of the budget is either related to fixed contractual payments or else variable, dependent on the tonnage of waste presented by either the districts following their kerbside collections or directly by residents at the network of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs).

3.2. Seeking a decision on all the elements of the re-balancing of the district financial arrangements was considered, but this was rejected in order to allow more time for discussions on the future of recycling services within Hampshire and the possible development of an alternative mechanism of delivering these savings. The two rejected elements have had their progress delayed because of the Covid—19 crisis.

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: ----- Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Rob Humby	Date: 8 October 2020
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