

Officer Decision Report

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| Title: | Revision of the Council's Waste Access and Acceptance Policy and Equalities Impact Assessment relating to the Household Recycling Centre service. |
| Date decision taken: | 25 th March 2019 |
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| Local Members Affected: | All |

Decision

To approve the revision of the Waste Access and Acceptance Policy (WAAP) and Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) relating to the Household Recycling Centre (HRC) service following the Cabinet decisions taken on 7th January 2019.

Reasons for the decision

Buckinghamshire County Council (the Council) provides Household Recycling Centres (HRCs), to its residents for the disposal of household waste and recycling. The service delivery of these sites is determined by the Council's Waste Access and Acceptance Policy (WAAP), which was introduced in 2006. A revised draft WAAP was presented to Cabinet on 7th January 2019 as one of eight recommendations in relation to the HRC service provision from 1st April 2019. Since the aforementioned Cabinet approval, officers have undertaken a detailed review of the revised draft WAAP to take account of the decisions made and revised accordingly.



An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) was carried out as part of the HRC service recommendations to Cabinet on 7th January 2019. Officers have also reviewed and updated the EqIA to reflect the decisions taken by Cabinet on 7th January 2019, with implementation starting on 1st April 2019.

Authority to take this decision

This decision has been delegated to an authorised officer following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment.

Other options available, and their pros and cons

1. **Do nothing** – not recommended. The existing WAAP and EqIA do not reflect the decisions taken by Cabinet on 7th January 2019. The key purpose of the revised WAAP and EqIA is to ensure that Council's policy and equalities impacts assessment reflect the changes to the HRC service from the 1st April 2019 which was agreed by Cabinet.
2. **Alternative option** – wait until the service changes are implemented however this is not recommended as the Council would not be compliant on 1st April 2019.

Conflicts of interest

No conflict of interest has been identified or declared.

Feedback from Consultation

Cllr Chapple, Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment, has been kept informed on the Council's Waste Access and Acceptance Policy and Equalities Impact Assessment review process. The Cabinet Member supports the recommendation.

Background paper (Appendix 1):

WAAP – [WAAP post-decision FINAL.pdf](#)

Background paper (Appendix 2):

EqIA – [HRC Equalities Impact Assessment FINAL.pdf](#)

Your questions and views



If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose email address is given at the head of the paper.

Approved



Signature

Date 21st March 2019

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