



East
Northamptonshire
Council

Policy and Resources Committee – 6 June 2011

Waste Contract Update- Oundle Recycling Centre

Purpose of report

This report seeks member approval of the closure of the Oundle Recycling Centre when the new waste and recycling collection contract commences in August 2011.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Oundle Recycling Centre, located in Herne Park, East Road, Oundle, currently provides members of the public the facility to dispose of and recycle a range of materials, some of which are not currently collected from the householder as part of the outgoing waste collection arrangements. These include textiles, domestic scrap metal (e.g. fridges, cookers, bicycles), used engine and cooking oils, car batteries and electrical equipment.
- 1.2 The site currently processes 1200 tonnes of recyclable material with an estimated 44,000 visits to the site each year

2.0 Matters for consideration

- 2.1 The new Waste Collection and Recycling Service which commences on 1 August 2011 will mean that the services are provided 'kerbside', meaning that a householder will have the services available at home and without the need to transport items to the recycling centre. The range of materials that will be collected from the householder includes:
- Paper and cardboard (including catalogues, directories, packaging, corrugated and non corrugated cardboard)
 - Glass
 - Tins and cans (including aerosols and metal screw tops)
 - Plastics (including bottles, yoghurt pots, food trays and tubs)
 - Cartons
 - Garden waste (on subscription)
 - Food waste (including bones, tea bags, coffee grounds)
 - Bulky waste collection for large household items (charge levied)
- 2.2 In addition to the improved 'kerbside' arrangements the following alternative location, less than 9 miles away, is available - Northamptonshire County Council Civic Amenity site, Kettering Road, Weldon, NN17 3JG - where the following additional materials are able to be recycled:
- Car and household batteries
 - Florescent tubes & low energy light bulbs
 - Garden waste (grass, tree trunks, plants, etc)
 - Building type waste (soil and rubble, plasterboard and wood)
 - Scrap metals
 - Mobile phones
 - Reusable items (furniture, books, etc)
 - Textiles
 - Used engine oil
 - Vegetable oil
 - Waste electrical and electronic equipment including white goods

In addition it is the intention to leave unmanned banks on a portion of the existing site which will receive glass bottles and jars, cans and textiles.

3.0 Equality and Diversity implications

3.1 There are no equality and diversity implications, as a result of this recommendation.

4.0 Legal implications

4.1 While East Northamptonshire Council has a statutory duty to collect household waste under Section 45 of the Environmental Protection Act, there is no statutory duty on collection authorities to provide household waste recycling centres.

5.0 Risk Management

5.1 The main risk is that loss of reputation by the Council in that the withdrawal of the green waste depository may affect some traders (gardening and landscaping) operating in that area. As part of the closure plans alternate disposal facilities will be advertised prior to the site closure.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 The current annual operating costs of the site are £80,000. This would be a direct financial saving as a result of closure of this site. There is also the issue of the future of the site and these might include community use and/or commercial opportunities for sale / redevelopment of the site.

7.0 Corporate Outcomes

7.1 This recommendation represents good value for money. The cost per tonne to collect material through this site is £67. The costs per tonne to collect material through the kerbside scheme is £33.

8.0 Recommendation

8.1 Members are asked to approve the closure of Oundle Recycling Centre as of the end of the current waste collection and recycling service, 31 July 2011.

(Reason – To reduce costs and as the service is no longer required.)

Legal	Power: Local Government Act 1972				
	Other considerations:				
Background Papers:					
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