

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO HOUSEHOLD WASTE  
RECYCLING CENTRES IN OXFORDSHIRE**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES**

**(Contact: Claire Locke, Tel: (01993) 861344)**

(The decisions on this matter will be recommendations to Cabinet)

**1. PURPOSE**

To consider a consultation document from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) in respect of proposed changes to Household Waste Recycling Centres in Oxfordshire.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That, the committee considers the consultation and makes recommendation on a response to Cabinet.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) are currently undertaking a consultation exercise in respect of the future operation of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in the county.
- 3.2. OCC have indicated that savings of £350,000 are needed from the budget by 2017/18.
- 3.3. The proposal is to reduce the number of HWRCs from seven to three or four, and to change the opening hours of the remaining sites. If agreed, changes to the HWRCs would be made over several years with plenty of notice given to local residents
- 3.4. The consultation document is attached as Appendix A to this report and sets out the background to the review, proposed changes and the process for responding to the consultation.
- 3.5. Attached at Appendix B to this report is a Summary of options to achieve HWRC budget savings.
- 3.6. OCC has also produced a Service and Community Impact Assessment (SCIA) and this is included in the report at Appendix C.
- 3.7. Information regarding the consultation can also be accessed at:  
<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/HWRCstrategy/consultationHome>
- 3.8. Officers have considered the consultation document and have produced a draft response, Appendix D, for members to consider.

**4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS**

The committee may choose to support the suggested response or agree an alternative response.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No direct financial implications arise from this report.

## **6. RISKS**

A reduction in the number of sites could adversely impact on the residents of the district.

## **7. REASONS**

The provision of recycling facilities in the accords with the council priority to protect and enhance the environment of West Oxfordshire and maintain the district as a clean, beautiful place with low levels of crime and nuisance.

Claire Locke  
Head of Environment and Commercial Services

(Author: Claire Locke, Tel: (01993) 861533; EMail: [claire.locke@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:claire.locke@westoxon.gov.uk) )

Date: 8 September, 2015

Background Papers:

None