

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**NEIGHBOURHOODS
CABINET MEMBER**

**REVIEW OF THE ACCESS PERMIT SYSTEM
FOR HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To review the proposed changes to the HRC access permit scheme due to take effect on 1 January 2016.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The council approved changes to access arrangements to Household Recycling Centre (HRC) sites for commercial type vehicles and large trailers in January 2014. The implementation of these changes was delayed. They are now scheduled to take effect from 1 January 2016.
- 2.2 The main changes planned were:
- The removal of unlimited access to HRC sites with a permit for commercial type vehicles, replaced with a 12 visit limit per year.
 - The introduction of a permit requirement for large trailers.
 - A reduction in the gross vehicle weight of any permitted vehicle from 3.5tns to 3.0tns.
 - The inclusion of pickups and crew cabs into the definition used by the council for “commercial type vehicles”.
 - The introduction of a house clearing permit to aid with house clearances.
- 2.3 The changes were proposed as a result of the noticeable increase in suspected illegal disposal of commercial waste through the HRC site network.
- 2.4 Elected representatives report numerous representations from residents expressing concerns at the changes proposed. As a result, officers were asked to undertake a review of the proposals including the introduction of a 12 visit limit per year.

2.5 Any amendments if approved are deemed urgent to allow the service adequate time to implement any new arrangements by 1 January 2016 as originally planned.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 The options available for consideration are either to introduce the changes as previously approved in January 2014 or to retain the current arrangements allowing unlimited access.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 The report presented in 2014 proposing changes to the current arrangements included a full analysis of the options available.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 The report presented in 2014 proposing changes to the current arrangements set out the resource implications that apply.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6.1 An IIA was undertaken in relation to the previous report submitted in January 2014.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 The review of the decision taken in January 2014 arises from feedback reportedly received by elected representatives from residents.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the Cabinet Member decides to either retain the current arrangements allowing unlimited access or to introduce the changes as previously approved in January 2014.

8.2 That the Cabinet Member supports the introduction of robust enforcement action against individuals found to be disposing of commercial waste illegally contrary to declarations made on any permit application.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

- Highways & Neighbourhoods Cabinet Member - Minutes - 29 January 2014, item 99 (46) - REVIEW OF THE ACCESS PERMIT SYSTEM FOR HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES