

**WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING CONTRACT EXTENSION TO  
OPERATING PERIOD - RAINFORD HWRC  
WDA/30/13**

**Recommendation**

That Members:

1. approve the recommendation to extend the opening period at Rainford HWRC in St Helens until the redevelopment of Burtonhead Road (Ravenhead) HWRC in St Helens is complete;
2. approve the recommendation to close Burtonhead Road HWRC during redevelopment works; and
3. delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and the Chairperson, to sign an additional six month lease with St Helens Council for the Rainford site.

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**Report of the Chief Executive**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To seek Members' approval to extend the opening of Rainford HWRC in St Helens beyond 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 until the redevelopment of Burtonhead Road, St Helens is complete.
- 1.2 To seek Members' approval to close Burtonhead Road HWRC from August 2013 as part of the approved HWRC improvement programme whilst construction works take place and until the redevelopment is complete.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 At the Authority meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013 (Report WDA/03/13) Members agreed to the proposals for closing the Rainford HWRC in line with its current lease and contractual terms. Accordingly the Rainford HWRC is expected to close on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.
- 2.2 At the same meeting Members approved the Capital Programme which included a HWRC's improvement programme during 2013/14. As indicated in the Authority budget report, Burtonhead Road HWRC was one of the sites identified as potentially appropriate for redevelopment during this period.
- 2.3 Burtonhead Road HWRC is to undergo a major redevelopment, which will result in the site becoming a split-level site with an increased tonnage capacity (to accept waste). This work will require the site to close during the construction works which are expected to commence during August 2013 for approximately six months.
- 2.4 The Authority's Waste Management and Recycling Contract (WMRC) provides that the Rainford HWRC will close on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Veolia are required to operate the site until this time.

- 2.5 Once redevelopment works are complete Veolia will continue to operate the Burtonhead Road HWRC in accordance with the requirements of the WMRC.

### **3. Details supporting the recommendation to extend the opening period at Rainford HWRC**

- 3.1 St Helens is currently served by four HWRCs: Burtonhead Road, Rainhill, Newton-Le-Willows and Rainford. As mentioned above Rainford HWRC is expected to permanently close on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013, this would result in the St Helens District being served by the remaining three HWRCs going forward.
- 3.2 However, due to its redevelopment and subject to Members approval Burtonhead Road will close from the middle of August for approximately six months. This would result in St Helens having only two HWRCs for much of the period and there being a reduced service level for HWRC tonnage in St Helens.
- 3.3 With the above in mind it is considered prudent to extend the provision of Rainford during the redevelopment of Burtonhead Road. This extension is not expected to exceed six months from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013. This extension will also include taking up an offer that has been made by St Helens Council of providing a six month lease for the site beyond the original closure date.
- 3.4 The Authority's officers have held discussions with Veolia with a view to operating Rainford HWRC posts September 2013 whilst Burtonhead Road is closed for redevelopment. Veolia have agreed in principal to extend operations at Rainford at an increased service level and capacity for the period and close the site as per the Authority's instructions (which will be in line with the reopening of Burtonhead Road). Veolia have agreed that after September 2013 they will waive the service fee they would contractually be entitled to at Burtonhead Road during its closure and will operate Rainford on the basis of the current Burtonhead Road service fee. This waiver essentially means that the Authority will not incur any additional Service Fee costs in the event that Rainford remains open after September 2013 whilst Burtonhead Road is closed.

### **4. Risk Implications**

- 4.1 The following risks have been identified should Rainford HWRC close during the redevelopment of Burtonhead Road HWRC.

<b>Identified Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood Rating</b>	<b>Consequence Rating</b>	<b>Risk Value</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
That the standard of service (recycling performance, operating costs, congestion, health and safety) at the remaining HWRC is not optimised and/or decreases.	4	2	8	Extend opening of Rainford HWRC
That fly tipping occurs due to insufficient HWRC availability	2	2	4	Extend opening of Rainford HWRC

## **5. Environmental Implications**

- 5.1 With the exception of the risks identified at Section 4 there are no Environmental Implications associated with this Report.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 The approved Waste Management and Recycling Contract budget 2013/14 has provision for the operation of Burtonhead Road HWRC throughout the year. Following negotiations Veolia have agreed to waive their right to receive the Burtonhead Road HWRC Service Fee after September 2013 whilst construction works take place.
- 6.2 Veolia have agreed to extend operations at Rainford HWRC beyond September 2013 at a rate not exceeding that at Burtonhead Road. This has the effect that the cost for the additional lease and service costs proposed can be met from the Authority's budget. The savings that would have accrued from this planned closure will now accrue from savings at the Burtonhead Road site while it is closed for redevelopment.
- 6.3 The above allows Rainford to remain open at no additional service cost to the Authority, which has sufficient budgetary provision to allow this to take place.

## **7. Conclusion**

- 7.1 It is proposed that Rainford HWRC is kept open beyond September 2013 whilst the redevelopment of Burtonhead Road is complete. This extension is not anticipated to exceed six months.
- 7.2 It is proposed that Burtonhead Road HWRC closes whilst major construction works take place.
- 7.3 The Authority has sufficient budget provision to extend the opening period at Rainford, which if approved by Members will attract no additional service costs to the Authority.

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The background documents to this report are open to inspection in accordance with Section 100D of The Local Government Act 1972 - Nil.