

URGENT ACTION - TEMPORARY BRING SITE
WDA/01/15

Recommendation

That the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive to support a request to provide a temporary bring site in partnership with Liverpool City Council be noted.

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Report of the Chief Executive

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform Members of an urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair to provide a temporary Bring Site in partnership with Liverpool City Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Liverpool Recycling & Waste Management Working Group (R&WMWG) made a request for the Authority, in partnership with Liverpool City Council (LCC), to consider the implementation of a Temporary Bring Site in the Liverpool area to allow local residents to recycle certain household recyclable materials.
- 2.2 To facilitate the request, the Authority would be required to vary its Waste Management and Recycling Contract and in accordance with the Financial Procedural Rules, the proposal was reported to the Treasurer who considered that the action should be a key decision of the Authority.
- 2.3 Due to the timescales involved, it was not feasible to call an Authority meeting to consider the matter and therefore the Chief Executive took an urgent action to agree to the request.
- 2.4 The decision was taken on 23rd December 2014 in line with Rule 23 of the Authority's Procedural Rules which sets out arrangements for dealing with urgent matters.

3. Temporary Bring Site

- 3.1 The details of the request for a Temporary Bring Site in Liverpool and how the Authority was able to support it is set out in a briefing note to the Chief Executive attached at Appendix 1 which formed the basis of his decision.
- 3.2 The Chair and Deputy Chair were consulted as part of this process and supported the decision.

- 3.3 It should be noted that part of the rationale behind the decision was to provide facilities to local residents while work continues on the provision of a new Household Waste Recycling Centre in Old Swan, Liverpool.
- 3.4 The decision was implemented and the site became available to residents on 2nd January 2015 and will operate until 6th March 2015.

4. Risk Implications

- 4.1 Key risks were considered as part of the decision and are detailed in Appendix 1, including the impact on neighbouring houses; traffic queues; attempted delivery of non-acceptable waste including mixed waste and non-household waste; fly tipping; and abuse by commercial traders.
- 4.2 For the duration of the site, the Authority will be working with its contractor and Liverpool City Council to ensure these risks are managed effectively.

5. HR Implications

- 5.1 There are no HR implications associated with this report.

6. Environmental Implications

- 6.1 The site will provide additional recycling facilities for local residents and therefore supports the Authority's Corporate Plan and the Joint Recycling and Waste Management Strategy.
- 6.2 Environmental risks are dealt with as part of the risk management of the site.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 The costs to be incurred by the Authority are set out in Appendix 1 and amount to approximately £10,000 which can be contained within the Approved Revenue Budget for 2014/15.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1 In accordance with the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010, the Authority's contractor, Veolia registered the operation with the Environment Agency (EA).
- 8.2 The EA confirmed that the proposed operation is exempt under the above Regulations. The operation was therefore permitted to commence under the strict requirements of a waste exemption: S1 storing waste in secure containers.

9. Conclusion

- 9.1 Members are informed of an urgent action taken by the Chief Executive to support a request to provide a temporary bring site in partnership with Liverpool City Council.

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