

## OFFICER DECISION

**Decision:** Amendments to the opening hours of the City of York Council Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC's) at Hazel Court and Towthorpe.

**Decision Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

<b>Type of Decision:</b> Director	Key		Non-Key	x
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**Portfolio Area that decision relates to:**

Leader (inc Corporate Services, Policy, Strategy & Partnerships)		Environment and Climate Emergency	<b>x</b>
Economy & Transport		Finance, Performance, Major Projects & Equalities	
Children, Young People and Education		Children, Young People & Education	
Health, Wellbeing and Adults Social Care		Housing, Planning & Safer Communities	

**Background / Decision Summary:**

At Executive meeting in January 2024, Executive recommended a budget which was signed off at full Council in February 2024.

Part of the budget was a saving listed for Place Directorate. PLA14 Household Recycling Sites - adjust opening hours at Household Waste Recycling Sites allowing for a variety of opening to accommodate customers and following evidence on busiest times for attendance.

The Council has two household waste recycling centres (HWRC's) in the city. Hazel Court HWRC is located on James Street, York, YO10 3DS and Towthorpe HWRC is located on Moor Lane, Strensall, YO32 9ST. The decision formalise that:-

- Hazel Court Household Waste Recycling Centre closes on a Wednesday (please note Towthorpe HWRC is already closed on a Wednesday as do HWRC's in North Yorkshire)
- That the opening hours from April to September are adjusted at both Hazel Court HWRC and Towthorpe HWRC from 7pm (current closing time) to 6 pm.

It is proposed that these changes are made on site with effect from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 onwards. The service will review this to ensure there are no adverse effects.

**Options Considered:**

Usage figures from the ANPR cameras on site at both locations shows that usage of the household waste recycling centres are exceedingly low between the hours of 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. This has been monitored at different points of the year to account for seasonality. Peak times on the site are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All neighbouring authorities close their HWRC's on a Wednesday and closing Hazel Court HWRC will bring CYC in line with neighbouring authorities.

**Options Rejected:**

The public are not utilising the later time slots over the summer months at the HWRC's (i.e. exceedingly low usage figures between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.). Therefore, amending the current opening/closing times reflects current usage and will help the Council to meet it agreed budget savings.

**Consultation Process:**

The decision will need to be communicated to Yorwaste who operate the HWRC's on the Council's behalf. Yorwaste were informally consulted as part of the budget proposals.

**Implications**

Crime & Disorder		Equalities		Highways
Human Resources		Legal		ICT
Financial	x	Affordability		Property
Climate Change		Health		Other
Environment	x	Human Rights		

**Implications Contact:** Ben Grabham (Head of Environmental Services)

**Level of Risk:** Acceptable

**Wards Affected:**

All Wards	x	Fishergate		Holgate		Rural West York	
Acomb		Fulford & Heslington		Hull Road		Strensall	
Bishopthorpe		Guildhall		Huntington & New Earswick		Westfield	
Clifton		Haxby & Wigginton		Micklegate		Wheldrake	
Copmanthorpe		Heworth		Osbalwick & Derwent			
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe		Heworth Without		Rawcliffe & Clifton			

**Comments/Observations:** The service will need to ensure that it communicates the changes to site users and traders who use the site(s) in advance of the changes. The service will also need to update the Council's website and ensure staff at the contact centre are aware of the changes.

**Decision:** To approve amendments to the opening and closing times at the HWRC's as detailed above.

**Decision Made by:** Director for Environment, Transport and Planning

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**On behalf of:** Neil Ferris, Corporate Director of Place

**To be implemented by:** Ben Grabham, Head of Environmental Services

**On Completion – Signed off by:**

**Date:**

**10.04.24**



**James Gilchrist**