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**Subject: Lincolnshire County Council's Review of Household Waste Recycling Centres.**

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Purpose / Summary:

Lincolnshire County Council is proposing changes to the provision of Household Waste Recycling Centres across the County. Members views are sought on the proposals so that feedback can be given to the next meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1) That Members consider the implications of the revision proposed to the Household Waste Recycling Service and ask the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership representative to report back to the next meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

### **Legal: None**

### **Financial:**

If flytipping were to increase there may be some small additional costs however it is proposed that this will be managed within existing budgets.

### **Staffing: None**

### **Equality and Diversity including Human Rights:**

Lincolnshire County Council will be responsible for any Equality and Diversity issues as part of their proposals.

### **Risk Assessment:**

There is a risk that with proposed revised days of operation of the Gainsborough Household Waste Recycling site that there may be increase in flytipping when the changes are first made. Persons may arrive at the HWRC at a time when it is closed and decide to offload waste by flytipping. The impact of this risk would be reduced by publicity and checking of locations that are prone to flytipping.

### **Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:**

Lincolnshire have not completed the consideration of the proposals. Climate related risks will be part of the final recommendation in the report submitted to County Council Members.

**Background Papers:**

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report. If none were used then please state.

Title:	Location of Background Papers:
None	

**Call in and Urgency:**

**Is the decision one to which Rule 14 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

Yes  No

**Key Decision:**

Yes  No

1. At the meeting of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP) on 21<sup>st</sup> September the Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) presented a report on their proposals to review the distances that households are from household waste recycling centres (HWRC's). The review is as a result of LCC's need to reduce their expenditure on waste services in general and in particular HWRC's
2. LCC's current policy is to try and ensure that 90% of households are within 7miles of a HWRC. Where they have failed to achieve this standard they have paid a sum of money to the District Councils to provide alternative facilities.
3. West Lindsey District Council received a contribution of £34,528 per annum until the new site called The Rasens, in Middle Rasen was opened last year.

4. LCC currently operate seven HWRC's and have a further six sites that they own but are being operated under contract by a private contractor
5. LCC are proposing that the standard be amended to 90% of households being within 12 Miles of a HWRC.
6. This will result in the total number of sites being reduced from thirteen to eleven.
7. This change in policy will have little impact on the residents of West Lindsey as it would mean that they would still have the site at Gainsborough, Middle Rasen and Great North Terrace in Lincoln available to them.
8. A further proposal put to the LWP was to restrict the opening hours of the majority of sites from their current seven day week operation to a four day week, Friday to Monday. Three sites would remain as seven days a week, they are Great Northern Terrace, Spalding and South Holland.
9. To West Lindsey residents this would mean that Gainsborough would reduce to four days a week, Great Northern Terrace will remain as seven days and The Rasens would increase from the current three day week to a four day week.
10. Currently, LCC make a contribution to North Lincolnshire Council towards the operation of the HRWC's at Barnetby Top and Kirton Lindsey to enable residents from Lincolnshire to utilise those sites. Discussions are ongoing with North Lincolnshire to determine future, more cost effective arrangements and this may well impact on availability to the small number of Lincolnshire users.
11. With this changes to service LCC are seeking to make an overall saving on HWRC's of £1.2 Million.
12. LCC are proposing to implement the changes in April 2012. Any changes to the operation of the Gainsborough site are likely to be delayed until later in 2012 when the current contract expires.
13. The impact on West Lindsey is likely to be minimal as generally there will be the same number of sites available. With the reduction of hours at Gainsborough there is a risk of some increase in fly tipping especially whilst residents get used to the revised hours and this would need to be monitored.
14. LCC would propose to publicise the changes and it is suggested that we also notify residents of the changes through our usual media channels such as the West Lindsey News and Web Site.

15. Members views of the proposed changes are being sought so that your representative on the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership Cllr Parrot can report back to the next meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011. However, given the current economic climate and the minimal impact these changes will have on West Lindsey residents it is suggested the proposals be supported.