



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>EXTENSION TO HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE SUMMER OPENING TIMES</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>FOR DECISION</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Innovation and transformation
Outcome	Providing effective, accessible and sustainable local public services
Lead Officer	Head of Operations

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	£15k
Included in Current Year Estimates	No
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	26301,26303,26304,26306
Staffing Costs	See cost above

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:

## 1.0 **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from members to extend the opening hours of Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) for one day per week (Wednesday) during the months of June, July and August.
- 1.2 The report is also to provide members with an overview of capacity uptake in March 2021 at each of the Household Recycling Centres (HRCs).

## 2.0 **Background (to include any previous decisions of Council)**

- 2.1 Household recycling centres re-opened on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 following the introduction of a nationwide lockdown on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2020. A telephone booking system was introduced to aid social distancing on site, prevent traffic congestion, manage throughput and assist in maximising recycling.
- 2.2 The re-opening of HRCs saw the introduction of harmonised daily opening hours across all facilities.
- 2.3 Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, all HRCs are open Monday to Saturday from 8.30am to 3.30pm.
- 2.3 Table showing capacity uptake (%) in March 2021

Location & Capacity (cars) /hr	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Ballycastle (30/hr)	30%	26%	20%	24%	29%	44%
Ballymoney (24/hr)	77%	63%	53%	70%	78%	94%
Castlerock (12/hr)	64%	52%	37%	52%	43%	80%
Coleraine (36/hr)	85%	85%	76%	77%	72%	97%
Crosstagherty (18/hr)	54%	55%	43%	48%	47%	75%
Dungiven (30/hr)	47%	40%	40%	45%	51%	81%
Garvagh* (30/hr)	-	-	53%	-	63%	56%
Kilrea** (30/hr)	-	47%	-	54%	-	57%
Limavady (24/hr)	99%	99%	96%	99%	95%	98%
Portrush (30/hr)	43%	36%	29%	31%	28%	46%
Portstewart (30/hr)	57%	50%	40%	50%	47%	66%

\* Garvagh HRC closed Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during trial period.

\*\* Kilrea HRC closed Monday, Wednesday and Friday during trial period.

## 3.0 **Proposals**

- 3.1 It is proposed to extend HRC opening hours one day per week (Wednesday) during the months of June, July and August.
- 3.2 Opening hours every Wednesday, during the specified period, will be 8.30am to 7.00pm. This will be applicable for all HRCs.

#### 4.0 **Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that the Environmental Services Committee recommends to Council the extension of Household Recycling Centre opening hours on a Wednesday during the months of June, July and August. Opening hours on a Wednesday to be extended from 8.30am to 3.30pm to 8.30am to 7.00pm during the specified period.