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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

23 July 2024

Report of the Executive Director - Place

**Alteration of Apportionment of Funds Within A Capital Programme
(Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment)**

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 County-wide.

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is not a Key Decision.

3. Purpose

3.1 To seek the Cabinet Member's approval for alterations to the allocation of funding across a group of capital projects on Household Waste Recycling Centres to:

- a) move £0.100m from Ashbourne HWRC to Bretby HWRC ;
- b) move £0.100m from Loscoe HWRC to Bretby HWRC; and
- c) add £0.184m to Bretby HWRC from the remainder of the approved £2.00m funding from the 2023-24 Capital Programme.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 The Council's Resources & Waste Service is delivering a programme of repairs and improvements at the Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs). As per the approved Capital Programme for 2023-

24, these works have a total capital budget of £2.00m. A programme of nine capital projects covering the nine HWRC sites has been developed and work has commenced on several sites. The programme of works extends over three years.

- 4.2 A recent inspection by the Environment Agency at the Bretby HWRC has made it necessary for officers to re-assess priorities. Some compliance issues associated with drainage and surfacings have been identified which now require swift action.
- 4.3 The remedial works will comprise the re-construction of failed surfacings and repairs to the drainage system in the service yard of the HWRC. These works are necessary because the Environmental Permit requires the waste storage areas to be impermeable and served by an appropriately engineered drainage system.
- 4.4 The Environment Agency has set a deadline of September 2024 to complete the works and ensure compliance. Therefore, the allocation of the funding between the HWRC sites has had to be re-assessed. Note that these changes do not lead to any exceedance of the overall £2m budget and all key elements of the original scope of works will still be delivered. This is partly because budget savings have already been made on other elements of the HWRC works and partly due to the deletion of one element of scope (Ashbourne depot building demolition) which is no longer deemed a priority for this works programme. The budget changes will also use the remaining contingency from the overall approved sum. As the total value of the changes exceeds £0.250m, Cabinet Member approval is sought.
- 4.5 The proposal is to:
 - a) move £0.100m from Ashbourne HWRC to Bretby HWRC;
 - b) move £0.100m from Loscoe HWRC to Bretby HWRC; and
 - c) add £0.184m to Bretby HWRC from the remainder of the approved £2.000m funding.
- 4.6 Along with the existing £0.065m budget already allocated, this will bring the total for Bretby HWRC to £0.449m.
- 4.7 The required works at Bretby HWRC are to be delivered internally through the Council's Highways Construction Services Team.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 The proposed funding alterations has been discussed with the Assistant Director, Resources & Waste and the Director of Finance (acting via a delegated representative), who both support the proposed changes.

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 Option 1: Do nothing - If the proposed funding changes are not made it will not be possible to undertake the essential repairs to the Bretby HWRC. The degraded areas of surfacings will further deteriorate and the Environment Agency will deem the site to be non-compliant with its Environmental Permit. A deadline of September 2024 has already been set by the Environment Agency for the repairs. If the repairs are not done, the operating contractor will be forced to close the site during September 2024. This option is not recommended.
- 6.2 Option 2: Move to an alternative site - To acquire, build, license and commission a new HWRC site would entail expenditure of circa. £8.000m and a timescale of 6 to 10 years. As funding is not in place and no alternative site has yet been identified. This option is not viable and therefore not recommended.
- 6.3 Option 3: Close Bretby HWRC – Bretby is the only HWRC serving the needs of the residents of South Derbyshire and withdrawing the service would require the Council to undertake extensive consultation and impact assessment to ensure compliance with its legal duties. In any event, given the projected population growth of the district, any assessment of the impact is unlikely to conclude the facility can be removed without first identifying a suitable replacement or alternative provision.

7. Implications

- 7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

8. Background Papers

- 8.1 Approval of £2.000m funding for HWRC Asset & Infrastructure Improvements contained in "Report of the Interim Director of Finance & ICT, Capital Programme Approvals, Treasury Management and Capital Strategies for 2023-34", dated 15 February 2023.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

10. Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member:

a) Approves alterations to the allocation of funding across a group of capital projects on Household Waste Recycling Centres to:

- i) move £0.100m from Ashbourne HWRC to Bretby HWRC;
- ii) move £0.100m from Loscoe HWRC to Bretby HWRC; and
- iii) add £0.184m to Bretby HWRC from the remainder of the approved £2.000m funding from the 2023-24 Capital Programme.

11. Reason for Recommendation

11.1 In order to make suitable financial provision for urgent repairs to the surfacings of Bretby HWRC, thus avoiding its closure to the public.

12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?

12.1 No.

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 As described in paragraphs 4.1 and 8.1 above, £2.000m of funding is already approved for HWRC repairs and a programme of works totalling £1.816m has been drawn down and work is already underway.
- 1.2 This proposal will reallocate £0.200m from other HWRC projects and utilise the remaining £0.184m of existing approved funds to the Bretby HWRC surfacing repair project.
- 1.3 The delivery of all key elements of other works on the HWRCs will still be delivered using the available approved £2.000m of capital funding.

Legal

- 2.1 None associated with this report.

Human Resources

- 3.1 None.

Information Technology

- 4.1 None.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Not applicable.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 6.1 By ensuring continuity of the HWRC provision in South Derbyshire this proposal will help deliver the following Council Plan priorities: Resilient, Healthy and Safe Communities; High Performing, Value for Money and Resident-Focused Services; A Prosperous and Green Derbyshire.

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

- 7.1 None.