

Cabinet Member Responses

Response from Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change – Mrs Deborah Urquhart		
Agenda item	Environment & Communities Scrutiny Committee recommendations (3 March 2021)	Response
	1. General support for the trial but with a few concerns.	Concerns noted and, as reflected below, will be considered in the evaluation
	2. General support for the communications package.	Noted
	3. The public will have the chance to input during the trial period.	Feedback has been taken from residents during the trial via e-mail and through conversations on site and with contractor management and staff. A formal survey will be undertaken to help inform the six month review. Most on site feedback has been positive with residents appreciating the easy to use booking system and the lack queuing and congestion on site. Most criticism has been around the restriction in the number of visits (one a week) and the scheme rules are being adjusted from the start of June to permit up to 5 visits per month. The option for same day booking is being explored with the booking system provider. There have been no further changes to the scheme since introduction.
	4. Would like Worthing to be included in the trial so requested that the Cabinet Member speak to the other local County Councillors. If agreed, then to be added to recommendation 1.	Worthing has been included from the start.

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	<p>5. Fly tipping is a concern and the Committee asks that the district and borough councils keep us informed of any increases in the number of incidents, as part of the trial.</p>	<p>This request has been made through the waste Officers Group and Environment Directors. Fly tipping data as reported by the districts is also being monitored.</p>
	<p>6. Ask that site managers show some flexibility, particularly at the start of the trial, to those who haven't booked.</p>	<p>Site managers have during the first few weeks of the trial permitted unbooked residents to return later in the day if there has been spare capacity (which there usually is) . Elderly or vulnerable person without a booking have generally been allowed to continue</p>
	<p>7. At the end of the trial the Committee would like to have this brought back, regardless of whether the decision is to abandon the booking scheme, or to extend it. This should be added to the Decision Report as a third recommendation</p>	<p>A further report to the Committee is planned for the meeting on 20 October 2021</p>
	<p>8. In recommendation 2 please add local members to those being consulted. In addition, add "during the 6-month period" at the end of recommendation 2.</p>	<p>Added and will be included</p>
	<p>9. When the booking system is reviewed as in new recommendation 3 it should if possible include the longer-term waste strategy, including</p>	<p>The October report will accommodate this request and provide an update more generally around future infrastructure options. A wider review of waste strategy (beyond HWRSSs) is under review in consultation with the Districts and Boroughs. This will not be concluded in the timeframe as it is unlikely the Government will by October have fully responded to its current</p>

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	a review of the opening hours/days of our waste sites.	round of consultation around consistency in collection, Extended Producer Responsibility and a Deposit Return Scheme all of which are expected to place new duties on Waste Collection Authorities (D&BS in West Sussex) and Waste Disposal Authorities (WSCC). A high level update can however be provided at the June and October Meetings if requested.
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