

Reuse at Household Recycling Centres in Herefordshire & Worcestershire Policy.

Background

Due to the success of a small number of reuse initiatives at Household Recycling Centres (HRC's), it is now desirable to replicate this at other sites across Herefordshire and Worcestershire. In order to do this both fairly and in a strategic manner, a policy is required for determining which organisations should undertake activities at the HRC's.

Objectives

The objectives of introducing reuse at HRC's are to:

- Increase reuse, in line with the national and local policy of moving materials up the waste hierarchy
- Reduce waste going to landfill
- Provide opportunities for the public to reuse
- Support local reuse organisations
- Reduce costs.

Eligible organisations

- Organisations must be located within Herefordshire or Worcestershire.
- Organisations should be an active member of the Social Enterprises involved in Waste & Recycling Forum for Herefordshire & Worcestershire.
- Organisation activities must complement the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Herefordshire & Worcestershire.

- Organisations must be third sector organisations, (i.e. charities, social enterprises, community organisations).
- Organisations must comply with Waste Management legislation such as holding a Waste Carriers' Licence or exemption.
- Organisations must have a proven record of reliability, such as timely collections and good vehicle maintenance.

Selecting Organisations

Organisations will be selected on a site by site basis, each site is different and factors such as available space, layout and traffic will need to be taken into account.

- Reusable items that would otherwise have gone to landfill will be the priority material, followed by reusable items that would otherwise have gone for reprocessing.
- Organisations will then be selected by local proximity to a HRC.
- Where organisations are already operating on another site, the new opportunity maybe offered to another organisation to demonstrate fairness.
- If there is more than one interested organisation for the site which meets all the criteria, further information will be required in order to make a decision.
- In these circumstances it is also possible that the option of more than one organisation servicing the site will be considered.

Operational

- All agreed arrangements will be subject to the conditions of a signed agreement and a trial period.
- These conditions will be contained within a signed Service Level Agreement between 3rd sector organisation(s) and WCC/HC PFI Contractor, Severn Waste Services, who operate all HRCs.
- Items collected should where possible be re-used and not designated for recycling, unless this material cannot be recycled at the household recycling centre.
- Recycling Waste Disposal Credits will not be paid for tonnages of any collected materials for reuse.