



Subject:	Temporary Closure of Alexandra Park Household Waste Recycling Centre
Date:	8th October 2024
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to inform members of the temporary closure of the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Alexandra Park to carry out essential safety repairs to the road surface and the concrete service bays.
2.0	Recommendation Members are asked to note the contents of the report and the alternative arrangements that will be available to residents.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Health & Safety inspections completed by the HSE and Corporate Health & Safety have identified two safety issues at the Alexandra Park Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) namely:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The degradation of the road surface and poor road markings of the access routes used by members of the public circling the service bays whilst in the site. • The degradation of the concrete surface in the main service bays, with increasing safety concerns in the use of the mobile Bergmann compactors on uneven services.
3.2	Specifically, in relation to the road markings, there is an outstanding action with the Health and Safety Executive of Northern Ireland (HSENI) to inform them when works have been completed.
3.3	It is therefore essential that these repairs are completed as urgently as possible and unfortunately it is not possible to complete any work whilst continuing to provide a service from the site. Accordingly, the site will have to be completely closed during the repair period.
3.4	However, in order to minimise the period of closure it is proposed to carry out the two works simultaneously with two contractors on site at the same time. It is estimated that the works will last for a period of approximately three weeks from Sunday 20th October until Sunday 10th November 2024 inclusive .
3.5	The approximate timescale is also weather dependent – should there be a significant reduction in air temperature or rainfall this can affect the drying / curing time. It is therefore important that the works take place as soon as possible prior to the full onset of winter.
3.6	The reopening date will be kept under constant review and any changes to this date (weather and works dependent) will be communicated when known.
3.7	It is proposed that the attached letter (Appendix 1) will be issued to all elected members to advise of the closure and the Marketing and Comms Team will publicise the closure to residents through all usual media channels. Signage will also be placed at the entrance to the site.
3.8	Due to health and safety licencing requirements, it will not be possible to provide any ‘pop-up’ alternative site and accordingly residents will be signposted to the other HRCs across the city during this period.

<p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p>	<p>Financial and Resource Implications</p> <p>The associated repairs costs will be met from within existing budgets.</p> <p>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</p> <p>There are none in this report.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices - Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Letter to Members</p>