

Hawkinge Household Waste Recycling Centre (23 May 2012)

Cabinet portfolio: Mr B Sweetland

Reason for call-in: Ms Carey asked that this item be placed on the Scrutiny Committee agenda for discussion and raised the following points:

- (1) Out of date figures were being used;
- (2) Hawkinge is the only site not open at weekends;
- (3) No statistical information was available as to the number of users;
- (4) The figures quoted by way of savings appear to include costs which would be transferred to alternative sites upon closure; and
- (5) The public questionnaire was biased in the way Hawkinge was referred to.

Decisions:

Members of the Scrutiny Committee:

- 1. Welcome the assurance of the Cabinet Member that the land that Hawkinge Household Waste Recycling Centre currently occupies will not be sold prior to the centre closing in late summer 2013,**
- 2. Invite the Policy & Resources Cabinet Committee to consider and assure itself that the County Council's consultation documents are prepared in accordance with best practice, particularly in relation to the wording of questions and public awareness of consultations,**
- 3. Guidance should be re-issued to Members informing them of the new decision making process.**