

## **E3306 Supplemental Paper Bath Household Recycling Relocation**

This Administration is committed to ensuring Bath residents are provided uninterrupted service provision of recycling when the Midland Rd public reuse and recycling (RRC) facility closes. Closure is planned for July 2023, after the new Pixash Lane Keynsham facility fully opens for operational uses. The new re-modelled public Reuse & Recycling Centre at Pixash Lane is programmed to open in Summer 2022, as part of Phase 1 construction. This provides continuity of RRC provision as the current existing area is demolished.

This is not linked to the closure of Midland Rd household Recycling centre and can operate as soon as it fully completes in summer 2023 (subject only to service planning on decant and operation, with the preferred service option to ensure collection services remain consistent and reliable for residents).

To financially support the Council and contribute to deliver Pixash Waste Transfer Station (WTS), Homes England grant funding is being deployed from Local Authority Accelerated Construction Grant to support housing delivery on Midland Rd. The Grant terms require funding to be expended by 31 Dec 2021 with a milestone for Housing construction commencing on Midland Rd by March 2023.

The public statements within the Council Decision E3306 state.

*1.2 Proposals for re-providing household waste and recycling centres in Bath continue to be developed and appraised so that Bath residents will have uninterrupted access to recycling centres local to them, aligned with the Council's climate and nature priorities. The Council is committed to keeping the public recycling centre at Midland Road open until an alternative is in place for residents of Bath. A supplementary paper outlining more detail on providing at least one recycling centre in the city of Bath is intended to be tabled at the meeting.*

### **Bath HRC Relocation**

Previous option assessments and sequential testing of sites only point to a single location suitable for the permanent relocation of a full replacement for the Midland Rd Household recycling centre at Odd Down. A new facility will be progressed at Odd Down, to establish a new permanent RRC alongside (or within) the Joint Waste Core Strategy residual waste allocation at this location.

The design of the new facility will be subject to future planning and waste consents and permits but be designed to provide for the full range of recyclable, hazardous and bulky materials and large reuse facilities, and to continue to enable the district to meet its climate emergency policies. Opportunities for renewable energy generation will also be integrated in the

same way the new facilities at Pixash Lane will. NB much less roof space available for PVs, but an RRC has much lower energy use anyway

The current Midland Rd RRC facility will remain open for public use until July 2023. The new re-modelled facility at Pixash will open during the Summer of 2022.

### **Waste Infrastructure - Key Programme Milestones**

The 3 waste programme elements all have key milestones to achieve in order to meet grant commitments.

<b>Pixash New WTS &amp; RRC</b>	<b>Milestone</b>
Planning Determination	2021 July
Contract Award	2021 September
Grant Expenditure	2021 Dec
New public RRC at Pixash opens	2022 August
Construction Completion	2023 February
Opening	2023 July to allow for decant/ operational contingency
<b>Midland Rd current WTS &amp; HRC</b>	
Planning Consent (Housing)	2021 April
WTS Closure	2023 June
HRC Closure	2023 July
Vacant Possession for Development (remediation activity)	2023 July
<b>New Bath HRC</b>	
Site selection agreement	2022 March
Planning Application	2023 March
Contract Award	2023 May
Construction Completion	2024 Apr
Opening	2024 July

The relationship between the three project elements creates a 'gap' in permanent HRC site availability between July 2023 and July 2024.

### **Bath Interim HRC solution**

To maintain a dedicated RRC until the new permanent facility is opened, an interim facility will need to be provided. Whilst this will be modelled to maintain the same level of service for residents of Bath, its precise configuration and operation may vary, depend upon a number of factors.

1. Availability of land to provide the interim RRC on a leased basis. - This is proposed to be secured within the wider Bath Riverside project either on Council owned land holdings within the site or adjoining land forming part of the wider BWR housing allocation.

2. Planning, licencing and permitting consents will be required for the permanent and interim Bath sites . These decisions may well influence the model for how the facility is operated whilst being open to the public

### **Financial Implications**

The Cabinet decision E3306 consider the capital envelope to provide both the new Pixash Lane and Bath RRC provision , although as proposals develop the business case will have to consider further impacts dependent upon the specific site selected.

For the Bath HRC relocation , the proposed solution will have a number of interim revenue implications on the overall services plans, depending upon the nature of future lease or land acquisition. The service model will need to be developed in future years budget setting should the delivery model give rise to additional lease costs.

The interim solution will need to be absorbed within the business case and future service plan to accommodate any short-term lease and other additional costs relating to its operation from July 23 – July 24. This will be a one-off service pressure to manage within the budget setting process for 22/23 & 23-24 Financial Years.

### **Future Decisions**

E3306 approves the capital for the Pixash site.  
Further changes to the business plan will need to be assessed and built into future years budget setting as set out in the decision papers.