North Yorkshire County Council

Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) Policies

Policy 1 - North Yorkshire County Council will locate Household Waste Recycling Centres across the county on the basis that a minimum of 95% of the public live within 20 minutes drive time of a facility.

Policy 2 - North Yorkshire County Council will locate Household Waste Recycling Centres across the county on the basis that no single HWRC serves a population greater than 69,000 people.

Policy 3 - North Yorkshire County Council will ensure that the future design and operation of HWRCs will address the needs of potentially disadvantaged groups. Wherever feasible, HWRC services will be harmonised with those of the collection authorities by agreements to ensure equality of access to all waste management services by all sectors of the community

Policy 4 - North Yorkshire County Council will move to earlier opening from 08.00am at all sites as financial resources and operating restrictions allow.

Policy 5 - North Yorkshire County Council will provide a Customer Care Charter for users of HWRCs.

Policy 6 - North Yorkshire County Council will provide a 'strategic' site in each Area Committee area of the County.

Policy 7 - North Yorkshire County Council will provide temporary skip services to larger centres of population greater than 20 minutes drive time from a permanent HWRC and will seek to provide permanent sites as and when resources allow.

Policy 8 - North Yorkshire County Council will provide HWRCs to high standards and will ensure HWRCs remain safe, equitable, secure and pleasant places to use, work in or live near to.

Policy 9 - North Yorkshire County Council will provide signs from main roads to sites that are fit for purpose and adequate; on-site signs will be clear and easy to understand.

Policy 10 - North Yorkshire County Council will inform residents where HWRCs are and what they are there for both on and off the sites.

Policy 11 - North Yorkshire County Council will welcome visits from interested people such as schools and local community groups.

Policy 12 - North Yorkshire County Council will provide HWRCs with the principle role of facilitating the diversion of biodegradable waste from landfill and maximising the

recovery of resources to help meet the Council's strategic objectives and performance targets for waste

Policy 13 - North Yorkshire County Council will provide facilities at all HWRCs, where space allows, for green waste to be segregated for composting and for soil and rubble, timber, metals, paper and cardboard to be collected for recycling or recovery.

Policy 14 - North Yorkshire County Council will enhance facilities at strategic sites to enable the collection and disposal of other waste streams including commercial waste.

Policy 15 - North Yorkshire County Council will encourage re-use of items delivered to HWRCs, monitor the impact on waste diversion rates and ensure that re-use activities are carried out in accordance with relevant legislation so as to protect the public at large.

Policy 16 - North Yorkshire County Council will provide HWRCs for the use of North Yorkshire residents for disposal of their household waste.

Policy 17 - North Yorkshire County Council will allow neighbours, family, friends and charitable organisations, to deliver other residents household waste to HWRCs in accordance with published guidelines.

Policy 18 - North Yorkshire County Council will, provide a commercial waste service at strategic sites to serve the needs of each district and the business community

- where no other suitable commercial waste services serve the area and
- where it does not detract from the service provided to householders
- no hazardous commercial waste will be accepted, other than bonded asbestos by prior arrangement.

and charge accordingly.

Policy 19 - North Yorkshire County Council will accept reasonable amounts of domestic building waste as household waste, in accordance with published guidelines.

Policy 20 - North Yorkshire County Council will charge for the disposal of more than reasonable amounts of domestic building waste delivered on any one occasion at its prevailing commercial waste rate.

Policy 21 - North Yorkshire County Council will introduce access restrictions on large vehicles at its HWRCs based on published guidelines.

Policy 22 - North Yorkshire County Council will take appropriate enforcement action against those who persistently abuse the arrangements/facilities provided at each HWRC where this is in the best interests of the authority and to the detriment of the public purse.

Policy 23 - North Yorkshire County Council will prohibit persons under 16 from entering HWRCs unless supervised by a responsible adult and only permit domestic animals on site if they remain in a vehicle.

Policy 24 - North Yorkshire County Council will call the facilities provided under Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part II Section 51(1)(b) "Household Waste Recycling Centres"