

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet Member - Environmental

**DATE:** 30 June 2010

**SUBJECT:** **HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES – VEHICLE PERMIT SCHEME.**

**WARDS AFFECTED:** All

**REPORT OF:** Peter Moore  
Environmental Protection & Technical Services Director

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**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To inform the Cabinet Member, Environmental of the introduction of a Residents Permit Scheme for use of Sefton's Household Waste Recycling Centres by non-domestic vehicles.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

To inform the Cabinet Member, Environmental of the new control regime being introduced by Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority from 1 July 2010 requiring a van to have a permit before being allowed to take household waste to any of Sefton's four household waste recycling centres.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Cabinet Member, Environmental notes the content of this report.

**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** N/A

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

None – Statutory Function.

**IMPLICATIONS:****Budget/Policy Framework:** None arising from this report**Financial:**

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2008/ 2009 £</b>	<b>2009/ 2010 £</b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-
Funded by:	-	-	-	-
Sefton Capital Resources	-	-	-	-
Specific Capital Resources	-	-	-	-
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure	-	-	-	-
Funded by:	-	-	-	-
Sefton funded Resources, within existing budget	-	-	-	-
Funded from External Resources	-	-	-	-
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N				
How will the service be funded post expiry?	N/A			

**Legal:** None**Risk** Potential for increased fly tipping**Assessment****Asset** N/A**Management****Consultation Undertaken/Views**

Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority

**CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:**

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community	√		
2	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
4	Improving Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Environmental Sustainability	√		
6	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	√		
8	Children and Young People		√	

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

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## Background

1. There are four Household Waste Recycling Centres located in Sefton at Southport, Formby, Maghull and Bootle. The facilities are provided and operated by Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) for the benefit and amenity of residents for the deposit and recycling of household waste.
2. The use of household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) for the deposit of commercial waste has never been permitted. However, abuse by commercial operators to avoid paying commercial waste disposal charges has taken place and has pushed the cost of commercial waste disposal onto council tax payers and has frustrated the achievement of household waste recycling targets.
3. Commercial type vans entering HWRCs are regularly challenged and if suspected of carrying commercial waste are turned away. However, there are cases where the white van or pick up is the only means of family transport and it would not be legal to prevent a resident from depositing their own household waste at the site.
4. To further control the abuse of the facilities by commercial operators, but in mind of the above, MWDA are introducing a permit scheme for residents whose only transport is a van or pick up. This will allow reasonable access for bringing household waste only.
5. Details of the MWDA scheme are included in the attached briefing pack. Vans and commercial type vehicles will not be allowed onto the sites in future without a permit.
6. The operational date for the scheme introduction is 1 July 2010 although there will be a subsequent period of grace for a few weeks thereafter, where those turning up without a permit in a van with household waste will be allowed one entry without a permit. They will be advised of the permit application procedure. The permits are free of charge.
7. The scheme is being rolled out across the 14 HWRCs in Merseyside and is already in place on the Wirral. Lancashire and Cheshire already operate resident permit schemes of a similar nature.
8. The new system has recently been publicised in the local press and on local radio.