

## Faversham Household Waste Recycling Centre Working Group

### Minutes of the Meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Cllr Thomas	Present		Cllr Cook	Apology
Cllr Williams	Apology		Cllr Crayford	Present
Cllr Hook	Apology		Cllr Lehmann	Present

#### 1. Declarations of Interest

None

#### 2. Update on Actions

A general discussion took place on the potential increase in fly-tipping. Capacity increase had been built into the new SBC contract, but the waste would be incinerated rather than recycled making the environmental argument stronger. The capacity for Sittingbourne HWRC had not been shared. The two days a week closure reduced capacity too much and would not work.

Deal and Swanley HWRCs had been added to the proposed closure list, but Faversham was still on all 4 options. Sheerness site had not been named, it was the smallest but seemed safe from closure. What is the rationale on the four options? Consultation was thought to start late July.

Potential for judicial review would be the reasonableness of the consultation; are the 4 options balanced and rational.

Concerns raised regarding battery and cartridge disposal.

The HWRC proposed closure will be on the agenda of Eastern Area Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Actions**

- RC to contact Cllr Tim Gibson
- RL to contact Robin Harris, MO.
- AH to consider how decision be challenged as to reasonableness
- RL to contact parish councils and share coach details

#### 3. Public Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> August

It was agreed to organize placards, banners and leaflets for the public meeting and future demonstration.

It was agreed to make the final decision on whether the public meeting proceeds by 28<sup>th</sup> July, subject to the public consultation release date. Should there be no date at that point, the meeting will be cancelled.

4. Date of Next Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023

Clerk's Note: As the public consultation had not been released, the WG meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> August and public meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> August were both cancelled.