



Subject:	Request by River Ridge Recycling for temporary access of the Council's Waste Transfer Station
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The Council has recently been approached by one of its contractors, River Ridge Recycling (RRR), which is seeking to temporarily use the Council's Waste Transfer Station (WTS) whilst it improves several new sites.
1.2	RRR recognise that the use of the WTS would be subject to a commercial gate fee in relation to the overheads required to handle the municipal waste arising from their operations.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve the temporary use of the Waste Transfer Station for up to two years, with the potential of a further one year extension, by River Ridge Recycling, in return for a commercial gate fee and subject to the establishment of a Service Level Agreement.

3.0	Main report
	<p data-bbox="256 259 408 293"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="150 309 1449 544">3.1 River Ridge Recycling (RRR) is the Council’s current contractor for the treatment and haulage of non-recyclable residual waste which it sends for treatment and disposal either locally, or overseas. This contract has enabled Belfast to meet its legal obligations under the Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme (NILAS) which is aimed at progressively reducing the amount of waste the Council sends to landfill each year.</p> <p data-bbox="150 611 1449 846">3.2 In March 2016, RRR acquired the Belfast operations of an international competitor company, Sita. During discussions with the Council, RRR indicated that it planned to invest in the premises at Limestone Road and Duncrue Industrial Estate to make them fit for their future waste operations in the greater Belfast region. The works at these two premises would require their temporary closure.</p> <p data-bbox="150 913 1449 1104">3.3 To accommodate these works, RRR has made a proposal to the Council to request temporary use of the Waste Transfer Station (WTS) to deposit general municipal waste which would otherwise be treated at these facilities. As per the Council’s existing operations, this waste would then be sent onwards for appropriate treatment.</p> <p data-bbox="150 1171 1449 1361">3.4 Upon receipt of this proposal, officers from the Waste Management Service approached the NI Environment Agency (NIEA – the regulator) which confirmed that there would be no issue in terms of varying the site licence and data requirements to prevent this type of arrangement.</p> <p data-bbox="150 1429 1449 1552">3.5 The WTS has the capacity to deal with this tonnage provided that the contractor (RRR) increases the loading and haulage operations at the site, and they have committed to doing so.</p> <p data-bbox="150 1619 1449 1753">3.6 As the current contractor for haulage and treatment of residual waste, RRR will deal with the haulage and disposal costs associated with this additional waste and will pay the Council a fee for the use of the WTS facilities.</p> <p data-bbox="256 1821 707 1854"><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="150 1877 1449 1955">3.7 Based on the estimated tonnage, it is anticipated that the Council will receive in the region of £125,000 per annum, or pro rata based on the actual tonnage received from RRR.</p>

3.8	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> There are no relevant equality and good relations implications associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	None