

Motions under Standing Order

16.10.2

1. Closure of Recycling Household Waste Centres in Essex. (1)

Moved by Councillor M Mackrory, seconded by Councillor D Kendall and supported by Councillor B Aspinell

'Council notes that increasing recycling rates in Essex is crucial to reducing the amount of waste going to landfill. The role of a local network of Recycling Centres for Household Waste [RCHWs] is an important component in achieving this.

The Economic Development, Environment and Highways Policy and Scrutiny Committee held on 17 November 2011 recommended that the Cabinet Member reconsider his original decision to close the High Ongar and St Osyth sites in the light of the evidence given at that meeting by -

- the Local Members
- the petitioners and
- the 'call in' witnesses.

To this end an urgent scrutiny review of that evidence would be carried out which would include the wider operations of RCHWs in Essex, to report before the Cabinet Member's stated latest decision date of early January 2012.

Council, therefore, deplores the precipitate action taken by the Cabinet Member to close the RCHW sites at High Ongar and St Osyth before this scrutiny review has even commenced.'

2. Closure of Recycling Household Waste Centres in Essex. (2)

Moved by Councillor G McEwen and seconded by Councillor D Robinson

'This Council recognises the importance which must be attached to the findings of Policy & Scrutiny committees and endorses the overwhelming decision by EDE&H PSC on November 17th which agreed *"That it be recommended to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Waste that he withdraw his decision to close the two Recycling Centres for Household Waste Service at Mill Lane, High Ongar, and Colchester Road, St.Osyth, pending the outcome of the committee's forthcoming scrutiny review of the Recycling Centres for Household Waste Service"*

3. Improving the Safety of Children crossing roads in the County

Moved by Councillor T Smith-Hughes, seconded by Councillor Mrs T Higgins and supported by Councillor B Aspinell

'Council notes with concern that significant numbers of children are killed or injured on Essex roads. Whilst it welcomes the Department of Transport latest THINK! Road Safety campaign which has been launched in Essex and aims to educate children and parents about keeping children safer, Council believes the County Council itself needs to do more to ensure the safety of children and prevent injuries or fatal accidents from occurring on the roads in Essex. Council also notes increasing concern by residents reported in the media about the lack of pedestrian crossings or inadequate safety measures near schools.

Council resolves that a full review is undertaken so as to enhance the safety of children crossing Essex roads. Current and potential measures, criteria and initiatives should be critically examined with a view to making crossing of roads safer and that appropriate financial resources are made available to this end.'