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Immediate Release

Household waste recycling centre opening days to increase

Opening days of the county's **household waste and recycling centres will increase to five days a week and will include Saturdays and Sundays**, Powys County Council has announced.

The council's Cabinet today (Tuesday, July 11) approved a recommendation to increase the opening days of the centres to five days a week, including weekends. They also agreed to introduce a permit scheme for residents to use commercial-type vehicles and trailers for their own household waste.

The new opening days will come into effect from Friday, September 1. From this date, residents wishing to use commercial-type vehicles and trailers for their own household waste will be able to apply for permits to use at the centres.

The Cabinet had considered the findings of an urgent review on the impact of reduced opening days and vehicle restrictions that were introduced as part of budget-saving measures in April.

Cllr Phyl Davies, Cabinet Member for Waste and Recycling, said: "We are committed to reducing waste and increasing recycling rates but the changes that were introduced in April sent out mixed messages and attracted considerable comments from residents and the county's elected representatives,

"I'm pleased that the Cabinet has given the go-ahead to increase the opening days to five days a week including weekends and the introduction of a permit scheme for residents to use commercial-type vehicles and trailers for their own household waste.

"Our household waste and recycling centres are an important tool to help the county meet recycling targets and avoid any future financial penalties from the Welsh Government.

"We will consider how to fund these changes but today's decision shows that the Cabinet is committed to delivering changes for our residents and tackling the issues that cause the most concern."

Details of the new opening days and how residents who wish to use commercial-type vehicles can apply for permits will be announced in due course.

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