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Nottinghamshire Parish and Town Councils;

For the attention of the Clerk.

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RECYCLING CENTRE SERVICE CHANGES FOR 2016**

From 1 April 2016 Nottinghamshire County Council will be introducing a number of changes to the Recycling Centre service, including implementing a registration scheme for residents wishing to use the network of 12 sites in the County.

These changes were approved by the County Council at the budget meetings in February 2014 and 2015 in response to ongoing funding challenges.

The registration scheme will require anyone accessing the sites to have completed an on-line (or via telephone support from our Customer Service Centre) application through the Councils "Self Portal" to confirm the details of their Nottinghamshire address, and assign access rights to a maximum of two vehicles registered to that address.

To enforce the scheme the Council, and its waste contractor Veolia, will initially be undertaking electronic checks on vehicles entering the Recycling Centres, and advising and supporting residents with the on-line registration process. They will also be informing non-residents to utilise sites within the administrative area in which they live.

From September 2016 we will be enforcing the scheme more rigorously, and any vehicles not registered on the system will be refused access to deposit waste.

Surveys of the Recycling Centre sites indicate that cross border usage may be as much as 15% for some facilities, meaning that the County Council currently subsidises disposal costs for neighbouring Waste Disposal Authorities.

As I'm sure you appreciate in the current financial climate Nottinghamshire County Council is unable to continue to meet such costs, and introducing the registration scheme is expected to save a minimum of £200,000 per annum.

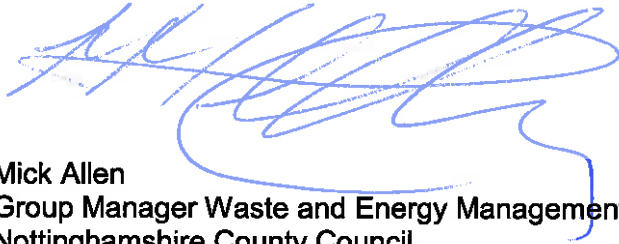
In addition the County Council is also introducing an on-line pre booking process, and a range of disposal charges for residents wishing to deposit certain non-household inert wastes, including gypsum containing products, at the Recycling Centres when delivered in a van, pick-up or trailer. A budget proposal to extend these charges to cars was recently rejected by the County Council following public consultation.

As with previous Recycling Centre service changes, including site closures, we will work closely with the Borough and District Councils to monitor the effects of these changes and identify and address any adverse impacts on either kerbside collections or instances of fly-tipping.

I hope you are also able to support these changes by promulgating the information contained in this letter to your members and residents, however if you require any further information on the plans full

details will be published on the County Councils web site in the next few weeks, or in the interim do not hesitate to contact me direct with any specific questions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mick Allen', with a large, sweeping flourish extending downwards and to the right.

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