RISK ASSESSMENT: Recycling Centres

Ref No. RA WD01

Bath & North East Somerset Council

SECTION:	Waste Disposal	ASSESSMENT DATE:	1 st April 2014
SERVICE:	Waste Services	ASSESSOR'S NAME:	Rodney Cook
ASSESSMENT REVIEWED:	1 st August 2008		Glyn Jones
	1 st July 2010		Tom Dunscombe
	22 nd August 2012		Paul Gard
LOCATION:	Midland Road Recycling Centre		Geoff Dicker
	Old Welton Recycling Centre		Martin Hellyer
	Pixash Lane Recycling Centre		
No. OF STAFF:	26 plus visitors and contractors	H&S REP:	
FREQUENCY:	Daily	REVIEW DUE:	April 2015

TASKS UNDERTAKEN (associated with this post)	SIGNIFICANT HAZARD (associated with this task)	EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES IN PLACE.	Risk Rating	Target Date: (for action by)	Completed on: (date and initial)
General assessment of Recycling Centres	Vehicle/Plant movements Slips Trips and Falls Adverse weather conditions	SSOW WD01 – WD18 Site regularly cleaned throughout the day PPE – hi-vis clothing, safety boots, ballistic trousers, gloves, eye protection, dust mask Staff training	Tolerable		
Site management		Site Supervisor – regular inspection Site supervised during opening times by 3 staff. Hand held radios	Tolerable		

Litter Picking around site	Cuts / injury from handling litter by hand	Litter pickers supplied.	T : 1 M 44	Trivial	
		'Needle resistant' gloves available	Trial commence Mar 14		
		Pedestrian Walkways			
Illegal dumping of waste along the wall and outside of gates or	Possible back injury due to heavy lifting	Use of loading shovel for lifting heavy objects		Tolerable	
office	Cuts and grazes	Biennial Manual Handling Training provided to staff			
	Risk of infections from contaminated refuse/needles				
Building maintenance	Noise levels	Provision of agreed RA & method statements		Moderate	
	Electric shocks	Asbestos Survey carried			
	Possible exposure to	out on all sites. Details			
	asbestos	available through Intranet.			
	Dust levels	Type 3 survey carried out			
	Dust levels	for major works			
Site Drainage –	Lifting Heavy weights	Contractor risk		Tolerable	
Cleaning and Maintenance	Moving Vehicles/Plant	assessments and method statements			
	Exposure to possible contaminated water	Contractor induction and 'signing in'			
	Slips Trips and Falls	Vehicle and plant movements prohibited			
	Damaged drains, channels, etc	during works			

Delivery of Waste	Hit by moving vehicles / plant		Tolerable	
		instructions given to site		
Traffic movements	Speed of vehicles	users, stating children		
		must be kept in vehicles		
Pedestrians (customers,	Weather conditions			
contractors and visitors)		Pedestrian walkways		
on site	Staff neglect to abide by			
		Speed restriction signs /		
		speed ramps		
	Slips, trips, falls, cuts and	opeed rampe		
		Contractor method		
	•	statements and initial site		
		induction		
	Over-loaded vehicles	Induction		
	Unsafe loads/vehicles	Visitors and contractors		
		use signing in system		
	Hazardous waste	Contro eto vo Dovroit to		
		Contractors Permit to		
		Work system where		
		applicable		
		Site Rules		
		Procedures on		
		unauthorised deliveries of		
		hazardous waste		
		Spillage training and kit		
		available		
		Verbal instructions as		
		appropriate		

Storage of fridges and freezers	Possible injury to persons when moving fridge/freezers	Instructions given to persons delivering fridge/freezers Biennial Manual Handling Training provided to staff Handling minimised by use of Front End Loading Shovel	Trivial	
Acceptance of batteries	Possibility of fire Possibility of persons being burnt by battery acid if batteries are dropped Upper limb disorders from moving heavy batteries	Security cages for the storage of batteries Fire extinguishers + fire hose reels First aid kit + eye wash available with trained first aiders Biennial Manual Handling Training provided to staff	Tolerable	
Loading waste from rubble bay (at Bath HWRC) and greenery bay (in Collections yard) into container by plant	Persons being crushed by vehicle movements Waste falling out of bucket, flicked across by loading shovel wheels	Loading of waste from rubble bay to take place outside of site normal operational hours Loading of greenery - area 'closed off' by use of barriers Competent and trained staff only to operate FEL	Tolerable	

Emptying paper recycling containers	Possibilities of persons being hurt or crushed in vehicles when manoeuvring around stationary lorries	Where traffic not segregated from customers: - Operation normally carried out before or after public opening times - Site (or part of site) closed to public if emptying occurs during opening hours Verbal instructions given to driver before operation commences Supervision by staff		Tolerable	
Checking on waste inputs to Recycling Centres for suspected trade waste	Verbal abuse or physical violence to site personnel	Procedure for managing hostile customers Radios issued to site personnel Site supervised by site manager & 3 staff All staff given training on customer care and on dealing with confrontational situations.	Further development of ANPR system and permitting Review / refresh training	Tolerable	End June 14 End Dec 14
Site Closure (for operational reasons or at the end of the day)	Abuse from members of the public	All staff given training on customer care and on dealing with confrontational situations.	Review / refresh training	Tolerable	End Dec14