

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

T21 Waste Savings Proposals

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Description of current service/policy

To date the County Council has, based on historic agreements including the Project Integra (PI) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), paid recycling credits for some materials that it did not necessarily need to and has maintain or not fully enacted these financial agreements with the districts and boroughs of Hampshire. The County Council has also maintain the provision of Glass Bottle Banks at all/most HWRCs.

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

It is proposed to cease making these historic payments to the District and Borough Councils, specifically to cease paying recycling credits for glass and recharge the Districts for any extra waste facility opening hours beyond those agreed and set out in the PI MoU. In additional it is proposed remove the Glass bottle banks from the HWRCs.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? No

In the context of the Government's Resources and Waste Strategy and the implications of the Environment Bill, there has been ongoing engagement with district and borough authorities on the impacts these will have and the required changes to the waste management system in Hampshire. A symposium with senior officers and members was held in February 2020, and a second is planned for later this year to discuss with all parties the options for service changes.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Neutral		
Disability: Neutral		
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		
Gender: Neutral		
Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		

Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Neutral		
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

The majority of the impacts of the policy changes proposed will fall on the District and Borough Councils of Hampshire. The only exception is the decision to remove the bottle banks from the HWRCs, however 8 out of 11 districts now offer a kerbside glass collection and there is high provision of glass banks across the County. This change is therefore expected to have a neutral impact on people with protected characteristics in light of existing, alternative provision.

Any other information