

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Hitting the Cold Spots - Rural Delivery Funding

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Description of current service/policy

The service is a continuation of the successful initiative, working in rural areas of Hampshire to deliver practical solutions for vulnerable individuals and families who are struggling to heat their homes and/or water.

Practical measures include: gas and non-gas boiler replacements (e.g. oil or LPG), first time central heating and solid wall insulation.

The service is delivered by the Environment Centre and will be contracted by Adults' Health and Care until 31 March 2019.

Geographical impact: All Hampshire

Description of proposed change

It is proposed to continue funding this service, with a £20,000 contribution from the Rural Delivery budget. This amount is recommended based on previous demand from households in rural areas and the predicted match funding available (approximately £20,000).

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? No

The current provider and the Hitting the Cold Spots panel have reviewed current demand for the service and the increasing numbers of individuals living in fuel poverty. It was concluded that ending the funding specifically aimed to support those in rural locations would have a negative impact. For this reason it was determined that the service should continue and further consultation would be highly unlikely to change this conclusion.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Positive	If the individual is living in rural Hampshire, having difficulty heating their home and/or water and is a) the home owner and b) has limited household income / savings, if they are also over 65+ then they are likely to be eligible for support (including financial) for the practical measures listed above.	
Disability: Positive	If the individual is living in rural Hampshire, having difficulty heating their home and/or water and is a) the home owner and b) has limited household income / savings, if they are in receipt of a disability related benefit then they are likely to be eligible for support (including financial) for the practical measures listed above.	
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		
Gender: Neutral		
Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity: Positive	If the individual is living in rural Hampshire, having difficulty heating their home and/or water and is a) the home owner and b) has limited household income / savings, if they are also pregnant then they are likely to be eligible for support (including financial) for the practical measures listed above.	
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation

Poverty: Positive	The service is designed to support those living in fuel poverty.	
Rurality: Positive	This funding is specifically to support those living in rural areas.	

Any other information