

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal Household Waste Recycling Centre Operations
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Description of Service / Policy

The household waste recycling centre (HWRC) network is a service provided to all Hampshire residents through a network of 24 sites in Hampshire, plus an additional site in each Unitary Authority area of Southampton and Portsmouth. The HWRCs are provided as part of the County Council's statutory duty under the Environmental Protection Act (1990).

Geographical impact* All Hampshire

Description of proposed change

This decision is to seek approval to re-programme the previously approved introduction of cross-border charging for non-Hampshire residents to provisionally no later than 01.04.2018 and to cancel the introduction of later opening times and Thursday closures, due to be implemented from 01.10.2017.

The re-programming is to allow for an increased period of time to engage with neighbouring authorities on the issue of charging for non-local resident use of HWRCs and the cancellation of the reduction in opening hours/Thursday closures is as a result of additional savings being made elsewhere - offsetting the need to make these changes at this time

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

This decision follows a public consultation on the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) service that the County Council undertook from March to May 2016. A total of 11,497 responses were received using the questionnaire that was made available both online and as paper copies, with a further 137 responses received by letter and email.

All consultation responses were analysed and have been used to inform subsequent decisions on HWRC service provision, including this one.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Statutory considerations

	Impact
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

Poverty Neutral

Rurality Neutral

Neutrality Statement The overall impact of this decision is considered to be neutral as it does not adversely affect any of the groups with protected characteristics or those additional policy considerations listed.

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