

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal T19 - E2 Economy, Transport and Environment Charging
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Description of Service / Policy

A range of services delivered by the County Council to other authorities, private companies, and members of the public, for which the Authority is entitled to charge to recover its costs. Examples of this include: Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders; Extent of Highways Searches; and Dropped Kerb Application fees.

Geographical impact* All Hampshire

Description of proposed change

1. Review of current charges for discretionary services.
2. Potential introduction of charge for discretionary services currently provided free of charge.
3. Potential introduction of new chargeable discretionary services.

In most cases the service itself will not change from a customer perspective, but will be offered at a revised price. Some new/additional chargeable services might be introduced to enhance the portfolio and customer experience. In some areas staff might be required to develop new skills or new ways of working.

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

No specific consultation has been carried out on this proposal. However, the County Council carried out a major consultation exercise over the Summer of 2017 on a range of options for finding further budget savings, including increasing council tax, using reserves and making changes to the way services are delivered, which may mean reducing or withdrawing services, or indeed making revised charges. The outcome of this consultation will be reported to Cabinet in October 2017.

When decisions are made to pursue the options, further specific consultation will be carried out with stakeholders on the detailed options where required.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Statutory considerations

Impact

Age	Neutral
Disability Impact	Low The majority of the services to be reviewed are principally

accessed by private businesses. However, the dropped kerb service is paid for by the public. An increase in the price for this service may have a low negative impact on people with disabilities as they may be looking to increase accessibility through undertaking a dropped kerb.

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 Low

Impact There could be a low negative impact on poorer people less able to pay for these services. However, the services currently under review are predominantly accessed by private businesses.

Rurality Neutral

Additional Information