



Waste Disposal: HWRCs

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Description of current service/policy

The County Council recycles and disposes of waste collected at the 24 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) within Hampshire. It has a responsibility to accept household waste (e.g. household contents arising from the day-to-day running of a household) at no charge but is not required to accept non-household waste (e.g. construction and demolition waste or items from the repair or improvement of private properties). There are some non-household waste materials that are already accepted on a charged for basis at the HWRCs in Hampshire (charges are set based on the amount of waste to cover the cost of onward disposal). These are:

- soil and rubble
- plasterboard
- asbestos

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

The proposal is to charge residents to deposit non household wood waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres (including fence panels, sheds, window frames, construction timber, etc). This is in line with existing policies to charge for other non-household type wastes (e.g. soil and rubble, plasterboard and asbestos), and will serve to recover costs only. Making such charges will bring the County Council into line with other authorities that already make such charges, and will help sustain the existing service.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

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 ran a major public consultation exercise over the Summer of 2019 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 certain services. The outcome of this consultation will be presented to the County Council’s Cabinet in October 2019. When decisions are made to pursue the options, further specific consultation will be carried out with stakeholders on the detailed options where required.

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

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Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Low	A new charge to recover the costs of disposing of such materials, regardless of the sum, is likely to affect poorer residents more than others, and on this basis a low negative impact has been identified. However, the charges set will not exceed those required for the County Council to recover its costs, and will be kept as low as possible. Moreover, disposal of such waste is expected to be an infrequent requirement for most residents if required at all.	
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

Any other information

The proposal is to charge individuals for the disposal of non-household wood at Household Waste Recycling Centres. As detailed proposals are progressed, they will be assessed further. However, charges will be set on a cost recovery basis in line with other material charges made at the same

HWRCs. It is not anticipated that this will disproportionately affect residents with protected characteristics. Making such charges will bring the County Council into line with other authorities that already make such charges, and will help sustain the existing service.