

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Household Waste Recycling Centres Cross Border Update

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Description of current service/policy

Hampshire County Council provides 24 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) for residents to deliver their bulky household and garden waste. They are used by over four million people every year, including residents from outside of Hampshire. Based on user data which suggests that 9% of visits are made by non-Hampshire residents, this presents a cost burden of £500,000 which the Council is unable to reclaim via council tax.

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

Hampshire County Council is introducing a vehicle registration scheme to enable Hampshire residents to continue accessing HWRCs for free, whilst facilitating a mechanism whereby non-Hampshire customers can be charged £5 per visit as legislation permits. Hampshire County Council has sought discussions with its neighbouring authorities to come to a mutually agreeable arrangement, but this has not been possible except in a few cases (e.g. Dorset).

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Yes

Public consultation was carried out in 2016 which among other questions asked customers for their view on implementing a charge for out of county users. There was a preference for implementing some kind of charge that negated a need to consider closing a number of HWRCs entirely.

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: Low	<p>This decision has been assessed as having a neutral impact on groups with statutory protected characteristics, and a possible low negative impact in relation to poverty for some non-Hampshire residents. A new £5 charge may be more onerous for those Non-Hampshire residents on low incomes who wish to access affected sites. However, free access to sites remains available within their own authority's borders. Other Waste Disposal Authorities have taken the difficult decision to ban residents of other counties from using their sites, due to the cost implications of dealing with the waste, however Hampshire County Council wishes to establish a system whereby residents of neighbouring counties may continue to access its sites where practical, but in so doing ensuring that the cost of dealing with waste from non-Hampshire residents is not subsidised by Hampshire taxpayers.</p>	
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral

impact)

Any other information

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