

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Household Waste Recycling Centre Provision in North Hampshire

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Description of current service/policy

Hampshire County Council has previously subsidised the use of the West Berkshire HWRC that is nearer to around 5,000 households than a Hampshire facility. In 2020, the decision was taken to terminate the agreement as budget pressures meant the County Council could no longer fund it. Following the decision, an interim arrangement was agreed where Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council would jointly subsidise the use of the site for relevant Hampshire residents for a further 12 months while discussions continued into alternative options.

Geographical impact: Basingstoke &
Deane

Description of proposed change

West Berkshire Council is considering plans for a nominal entry charge for non-Berkshire residents which would enable local residents to continue using the site, but not at the cost of wider Hampshire householders.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

No

Previous engagement has shown a strong preference for north Hampshire residents to continue having access to the Newtown Road site for reasons of convenience and environmental sustainability. It is not anticipated that this perception has changed.

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: Medium	The potential entry charge at Newtown Road HWRC may have a negative impact on low income households, however these households would have the option of using a Hampshire-run HWRC at no cost.	The potential entry charge at Newtown Road HWRC may have a negative impact on low income households, however these households would have the option of using a Hampshire-run HWRC at no cost.
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

Any other information

It is considered that the proposed approach would have a neutral impact on groups with statutory protected characteristics.