

# Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire  
County Council

## Recycling and Single Materials Recovery Facility Update

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### Description of current service/policy

Currently in Hampshire there are a number of different waste collections systems in terms of containers, frequency and materials beyond the existing dry mixed recyclables (DMR) which has a consistent specification. (card, paper, tins and plastic bottles).

Geographical impact: All  
Hampshire

### Description of proposed change

In 2018 the government published the Resources and Waste Strategy and this set out a significant shift in the way waste would be managed across the country. A key theme of the strategy is consistency of collection to reduce confusion amongst residents and increase performance. This includes specifying which materials should be collected by local authorities and setting minimum standards to ensure that there is a consistent approach. Through the Hampshire Waste Partnership, Hampshire County Council is undertaking investigations to determine the most appropriate approach and what the impacts of this will be on waste processing infrastructure.

### Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

### Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Planned

Discussions have been underway with local authority partners under the direction of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association Chief Executives to investigate the options. The authorities will continue to engage whilst Government progresses the Environment Bill and undertake further consultation later in the year.

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

<b>Marriage and civil partnership:</b> Neutral		
<b>Pregnancy and maternity:</b> Neutral		
<b>Other policy considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>Poverty:</b> Neutral		
<b>Rurality:</b> Neutral		

## **Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)**

The impact on service users as a result of this decision is neutral as the proposed decision is subject to the outcomes of the Environment Bill and subject to further government consultation. A change to the service residents will receive would be subject to a further decision and assessment once the legislation has been passed.

## **Any other information**