

Community Impact Assessment Form

Name of Strategy/Policy:	Review of Refuse and Recycling Collections in relation to Farm and Rural Properties.	
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1. Impact Assessment – Policy and Target Outcomes

a) Summarise the main aims/objectives of the strategy, policy, procedure, project or decision.

To review the refuse and recycling collections in relation to 668 farm and rural properties with a view to implementing fortnightly alternate refuse and recycling collections at drop off points/collection points.
To engage with residents from those properties affected in relation to the implementation of action to mitigate any negative impact.

b) Is the policy or decision under review (please tick)

New/proposed

Modified/adapted

Existing

c) Main or intended groups identified as beneficiaries, targets or users of this strategy, policy, project, procedure or decision?

Main beneficiaries:
This would enable residents who currently live in farm/isolated collections to have their recycling collected from where they live, rather than them having to take it to a recycling facility.

d) Please detail below specific equality groups who will be the main beneficiaries, targets and users of this strategy, policy, project, procedure or decision, or who will be affected in any other way.

Key equality groups as main beneficiaries or affected in any other way (where appropriate):
Further consultation is required with the affected communities to determine if there are any equality issues or equality groups affected by the decision.

e) Please detail in the box below, the information you have considered to make this decision/recommendation regarding the communities affected **by this**.

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Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme, Allowances have been allocated to Waste Disposal Authorities by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) for each year until 2020. Landfill Tax Introduced in 1997 with the intention of diverting waste from landfill, the tax is charged in addition to the actual cost that landfill operators charge for every tonne of waste disposed of to landfill. The rate of landfill tax for municipal waste in 2009/10 stands at £40 per tonne and this rate will increase by £8 per tonne every year to 2013. Therefore by April 2013 the tax will stand at £72 per tonne

Regional Waste Strategy The Regional Waste Strategy sets out the Strategy. Waste Management Strategy for Lancashire, Reduce and stabilise waste to 0% growth each year, Recycle and compost 56% of all waste by 2015, increasing to 61% by 2020, Recover 81% of all waste by 2015 and 88% by 2020

Customer feedback - enquiries and requests from residents to enable them to recycle
Feedback from colleagues - passing on requests
Consultation with staff
Benchmarking with other authorities

f) Is further consultation, data collection or research still required?

Yes

No

Key Actions:

Further consultation and a review of the demographics is required to ascertain if there are any Equality issues related to the residents affected by the decision. Where negative impact is identified, measures will be undertaken to mitigate this.

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2. Impact – Evidence

Using the table below please tick whether you have evidence that the policy/strategy/decision has a negative, positive or neutral impact **from an equalities perspective** on any of the equality groups listed below.

		Positive Impact – (It could benefit)	Negative Impact – (It could disadvantage)	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
Gender	Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Men	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Race (Ethnicity or Nationality)	Asian or Asian British people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A review of the ethnicity and any language barriers needs to be explored further. Translation services are available if required in relation to the promotion of recycling.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Black or black British people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Chinese or other ethnic people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Irish people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	White people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Chinese people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other minority communities not listed above (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Disability	Physical/learning/mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A review of the needs of customers needs to be explored further. Assisted collection policy may apply. The use of pictorial /word labels or Braille, on the appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/>

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		Positive Impact – (It could benefit)	Negative Impact – (It could disadvantage)	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
				bins may be required.	
Sexuality	Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gender Identity	Transgender people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Age	Older people (60+)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If eligible the assisted collection policy may apply to any residents who found it difficult to present their waste and/or recycle at a collection point	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Younger people (17-25), and children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Belief	Faith groups *	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Groups (e.g. carers, rurally isolated, gypsies & roma travellers, people on low incomes)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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3. Impact – Nature/Type

- a) Could you further improve the strategy, project, policy, procedure or decision's positive or neutral impact? If "Yes", this should be detailed in the Action Plan.

YES NO

Key Actions:

Effective communication with the residents is needed to explain the reason for the decision, what effects this will have on them and information on how they should separate their waste for their new bins/bags.

The needs of customers affected needs to be fully understood including:

- The possible need for translation services.
- The possible need for Assisted collections.
- The need for support in relation to recycling
- The type of bins/bags required

4. Impact Assessment - Summary

Key Findings:

A change in policy will net the authority savings over three years of c.240k. In addition there are quantities of valuable materials that if sorted would net the council a reasonable income. Any waste diverted from landfill would also reduce the burden on landfill, contribute to wider waste strategies and reduce expenditure on LATS. The changes in collection would provide the same equitable position across the Council in relation to recycling and fortnightly refuse and recycling collections.

5. Impact Assessment – Further Action

Please give the details of the monitoring/evaluation/review process that has/will be set up to check the successful implementation of the policy, project, strategy or decision including improved outcomes/impact and identify the review date.

Evaluation/ monitoring/ review process:

Review the findings of consultation with residents.

Review Date: 1.3.2011

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6. IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACTION PLAN

Please list below any recommendations for action that you plan to take as a result of this impact assessment

Issue	Action required	Lead officer	Timescale	Resource implications	Comments
Waste Issue	Consutation with affected residents of farm properties and those living near proposed collection points	Sam Wardley	TBA	Within existing resources	
Identify demographics of those affected by the decision identify any mitigating actions	Identifying residents who may need language assistance	Sam Wardley	TBA	Within existing resources	
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Waste Issue	Identification of collection points, some locations may have a detrimental effect on adjacent properties. Potential for large numbers of stored bins and bags	Sam Wardley	TBA	Within existing resources	
Identify demographics of those affected by the decision identify any mitigating actions	Identifying residents who may require the use of the councils assisted collection service.	Sam Wardley	TBA	Within existing resources	

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