

Recycling EIA

Equality Impact Assessment

EIA No:

Budget Proposals 2013/14

TBC

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E&T2	Increasing Southampton's Recycling Rate and Enhancing Collections
Brief Service Profile	A bid for £8.28m has been submitted to the Government's Weekly Collection Support Scheme to retain and fund weekly waste collections for a minimum of 4.3 years, increase the city's recycling rate by providing two weekly glass collections to all houses and flats across the city, provide and enhanced home composting programme for 15,000 households and food digester scheme for 3,000 households. Funding is for 2.3 years, thereafter, there is no funding. Funding will be used to purchase vehicles, pump prime new services and make savings in order to fund weekly collections in years 4 and 5. Please note, that in years 4 and five, glass collections will become four weekly rather than two weekly in order to ensure they become cost neutral.
Summary of impact and Issues	This involves issuing 75,000 residents in houses in the city with a 38 litre plastic box which they can use to store glass bottles and jars in. The boxes would be kept in residents properties and put out every 2 weeks for collection via the councils waste collectors using specialist glass collection vehicles. We would provide a service to flats by using collection banks. Composters and food digesters would be distributed by the supplier and a project officer would be available to support residents with any issues they might have.
Potential positive impacts	Would reduce the amount of waste sent for disposal by some 2250 tonnes per annum. The 2250 tonnes of glass sent for recycling back into new glass bottles and jars would save considerable amounts of energy compared to making glass bottles and jars out of virgin materials. Residents in houses would not need to visit glass bottle and jar recycling banks. This would save approx 2202 tonnes of CO2. Feedback from focus groups and customer engagement group inform us residents would like glass collections. Composters and food digesters increase the amount of waste diverted from landfill.
Responsible service Manager	Gale Williams - Development & Performance Manager
Date	24/09/12
Approved by Senior Manager:	
Signature	

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POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACT

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Impact assessment	Details of impact	Possible Solutions
Age	Resident has difficulty with the weight or the size of the glass collection container. Resident has difficulty with the size of composter or food digester.	Assisted collections would be provided in the same way they are for other domestic waste types. Supplier will deliver composter/ food digester. A project officer is included in the bid to support the use of composter / food digester.
Disability	Resident has difficulty with the weight or the size of the glass collection container. Resident has difficulty with the size of composter or food digester.	Assisted collections would be provided in the same way they are for other domestic waste types. Supplier will deliver composter/ food digester. A project officer is included in the bid to support the use of composter / food digester.
Gender reassignment		
Marriage & Civil partnership		
Pregnancy & maternity	Resident has difficulty with the weight or the size of the glass collection container. Resident has difficulty with the size of composter or food digester.	Temporary assisted collections would be provided in the same way they are for other domestic waste types. Supplier will deliver composter/ food digester. A project officer is included in the bid to support the use of composter / food digester.
Race	Resident has difficulty in understanding how the glass collection scheme operates due to language barrier.	Information provided in pictorial form in simple to understand calendar. Information would be provided in different languages if it was helpful.
Religion or belief		
Sex		
Sexual Orientation		
Community Safety	During the change over period it is possible that some residents will leave their boxes out on the wrong day(s).	Information provided in primarily pictorial form with additional assistance available as required. It is anticipated that after the first cycle of collections most residents will have adapted to the new collection days.
Poverty		
Other significant impacts	HSE advise requires us to manage noise during collection process. Glass bottles and jars being left out on the pavement prior to collection.	Collection frequency only every 2 weeks and specialist glass collection vehicle used for collection. No evidence from other authorities using 2weekly collections, that glass bottles and jars left out for collection cause any significant local problems. 38 Litre box is size recommended by HSE to avoid lifting injury