

## Evidence for decision not to impact assess

<p><b>Policy/Function/Service</b></p>	<p>Community Reuse Fund, Waste and Countryside Services, Business &amp; Environmental Services as accountable body on behalf of the York &amp; North Yorkshire Waste Partnership (Y&amp;NYWP).</p>
<p><b>Summary aims of the Policy/Function/Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is it needed?</li> <li>• What does the authority hope to achieve by it?</li> <li>• How will it be ensured that it works as intended?</li> </ul>	<p>The objectives of the Community Reuse Fund are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the amount and range of material reused by the community sector</li> <li>• Increase the capacity of community groups to reuse and raise awareness of reuse</li> <li>• Encourage partnership working between community groups, Local Authority and business</li> </ul> <p>Projects funded by the Community Reuse Fund must show that they will result in one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An increase in the tonnage reused</li> <li>• The development of new partnerships with other charities, community groups, local authority or business</li> <li>• A new more effective approach to the delivery of projects</li> <li>• Improved skills and knowledge of reuse and related issues</li> <li>• Raised awareness of reuse within the community of delivery</li> <li>• Improved promotion and marketing of the project or service</li> </ul> <p>The only restrictions on the fund are that applications must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From formally constituted community groups or charities</li> <li>• For new projects which must become self-sustaining</li> <li>• A maximum grant of £5k will be made for any single project; and organisations must raise at least 25% match funding towards project costs.</li> <li>• Operating in York or North Yorkshire</li> <li>• For projects lasting not longer than 12 months</li> </ul> <p>Applications to the fund can be made during a defined window (this year it was August-October). When an application is made to the fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste and Countryside Services Admin receive and check that all documentation has been completed and returned. A Decision Panel is then convened to consider applications.</li> <li>• The Decision Panel is made up of the Waste Partnership Manager and members</li> </ul>

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	<p>of the Y&amp;NYWP – partnership officers on the Decision Panel are refreshed annually. The Decision Panel reviews all applications and makes recommendations as to whether the application should be funded or not.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Y&amp;NYWP Officers group review the recommendations of the Panel and determine which applications will be funded.</li> </ul>
<b>Target beneficiaries for the Policy/Function/Service (identify relevant protected characteristics)</b>	Local communities through community groups and charities to initiate projects which promote reuse.
<b>Stakeholders</b>	York & North Yorkshire Waste Partnership, Community groups
<b>Relevance assessment</b>	<b>Include summary detail (bullet points)</b>
<b>Does this Policy/Function/Service deliver on objectives set out in a more strategic Policy/Function/Service? If so, what were the findings of the EIA for the more strategic function?</b>	<p>This delivers on the objectives of the 2006 Y&amp;NY Waste Strategy which are to reduce waste sent to landfill and increase efforts to view waste as a resource.</p> <p>The Waste Strategy is due to be refreshed/ updated in the next few years and an EIA will be completed as part of the strategy development.</p>
<b>Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community?</b>	It affects community groups and charities who are eligible to apply.
<b>Is it a major policy, with a significant effect on how functions are delivered?</b>	The Community Reuse fund is not a major function, applications will vary over time, however, in the region of 3-15 community groups will apply to the fund in any year.
<b>Will it have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (for example, partners, funding criteria, etc).</b>	As the fund is intended to support new projects it will affect how a community group increases reuse and the awareness of reuse in line with the fund's objectives (see above).

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<b>Does it involve a significant commitment of resources?</b>	<p>All of the Y&amp;NYWP partners provide funding to support the Waste Partnership; an element of this funding is identified for the Community Reuse Fund.</p> <p>The amount of funding is determined by the YNYWP senior officers group and may vary year on year. In 2012 a 3 year business plan and budget allocation was approved providing some certainty for the future 3 years. The fund has been allocated £15k in each of 2012-13; 2013-14 and 2014-15.</p>		
<b>Does it relate to an area where there are known inequalities (for example, disabled people's access to public transport)</b>	<p>There are no known inequalities in relation to community group participation or awareness and involvement in reuse.</p>		
<b>Are any equality and diversity issues relevant to this policy/function/service? Include a short explanation of your assessment. Reference data/evidence used in this assessment (hyperlinks/attachments)<sup>1</sup></b>			
<p>There are no equality and diversity issues considered to be of relevance to this service.</p>			
<b>Full equality impact assessment required?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Relevance to equality and diversity</b>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Priority</b>	High <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/>	Low <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Assessment made by<sup>2</sup>:</b>	Tony Norris		
<b>Job title</b>	Waste Services Manager		
<b>Approved by<sup>3</sup>:</b>	Ian Fielding		
<b>Job title</b>	Assistant Director Waste & Countryside Services		
<b>Date:</b>			
<b>Signed off by:</b>	York & North Yorkshire Waste Partnership		
<b>Date:</b>	6 December 2012		

<sup>1</sup> What aspects are particularly relevant to equality? Does this only relate to certain equality strands e.g. disability?

<sup>2</sup> Head of service or equivalent

<sup>3</sup> AD or equivalent

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