

Evidence for decision not to impact assess

Policy/Function/Service	Waste Management and Countryside Services – Hazardous Household Waste Collection from Residents
<p>Summary aims of the Policy/Function/Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is it needed? • What does the authority hope to achieve by it? • How will it be ensured that it works as intended? 	<p>The service in focus is the collection of Hazardous Household Waste from residents within North Yorkshire. Examples of hazardous household waste includes, gloss paint, garden insecticides and broken mercury thermometers.</p> <p>Current established practice is to arrange a monthly carriers round whereby a contractor visits the property of each individual requesting the service to collect the material. This service is offered free of charge.</p> <p>This approach has evolved for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cost of providing and staffing hazardous waste collection points at 20 HWRCs is greater than the cost of organising doorstep collection. 2. This approach removes the requirement for residents to transport hazardous waste in their own vehicles to their local HWRC which can generate risks if not carried out properly. 3. Advice can be given to residents on whether their materials are actually hazardous, or whether they can be disposed of in the general waste bin. 4. The service is available to all residents, not just those that can deliver their waste to a local HWRC. 5. It is easier to manage abuse of the service by businesses by only collecting hazardous waste from domestic properties. <p>It is not proposed at this time to change or remove this service.</p>
Target beneficiaries for the Policy/Function/Service (identify relevant protected characteristics)	Target beneficiaries of this service are ALL residents of the County.
Stakeholders	Stakeholders are all residents of the County.
Relevance assessment	Include summary detail (bullet points)
Does this Policy/Function/Service deliver on objectives set out in a	Not Applicable

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more strategic Policy/Function/Service? If so, what were the findings of the EIA for the more strategic function?	
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community?	The service is available to all North Yorkshire residents.
Is it a major policy, with a significant effect on how functions are delivered?	This is a service not a policy.
Will it have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (for example, partners, funding criteria, etc).	No
Does it involve a significant commitment of resources?	The Annual budget for the service is approximately £50k, and is resourced from within the Waste Management revenue budget.
Does it relate to an area where there are known inequalities (for example, disabled people's access to public transport)	The service is available equally to all residents. The method of service delivery ensures that all residents have equal opportunity to access the service.
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)¹	
No equality and diversity issues have been identified as relevant to this service. The service is available to all residents within North Yorkshire.	

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

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Full equality impact assessment required?		No	
Relevance to equality and diversity			Low
Priority			Low
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