

Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA)

This Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA) will enable you to assess the **new, proposed or significantly changed** policy/ practice/ procedure/ function/ service** for equality and human rights implications.

Undertaking this assessment will help you to identify whether or not this policy/ practice/ procedure/ function/ service** may have an adverse impact on a particular community or group of people. It will ultimately ensure that as an Authority we do not discriminate and we are able to promote equality, diversity and human rights.

Before completing this form please refer to the EHRIA [guidance](#), for further information about undertaking and completing the assessment. For further advice and guidance, please contact your [Departmental Equalities Group](#) or equality@leics.gov.uk

***Please note: The term 'policy' will be used throughout this assessment as shorthand for policy, practice, procedure, function or service.*

Key Details	
Name of policy being assessed:	3 rd Party Recycling and Reuse Credits
Department and section:	Environment & Transport / Environment & Waste Management Branch
Name of lead officer/ job title and others completing this assessment:	Head of Service – Design & Delivery, Environment & Waste Management
Contact telephone numbers:	0116 3057291
Name of officer/s responsible for implementing this policy:	Assistant Director – Environment & Waste Management Head of Service – Policy & Strategy, Environment & Waste Management Head of Service – Design & Delivery, Environment & Waste Management
Date EHRIA assessment started:	29/09/15
Date EHRIA assessment completed:	

Section 1: Defining the policy

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You should begin this assessment by defining and outlining the scope of this policy. You should consider the impact or likely impact of the policy in relation to all areas of equality, diversity and human rights, as outlined in Leicestershire County Council's Equality Strategy.

1	<p>What is new or changed in this policy? <i>What has changed and why?</i></p> <p>The proposed policy change is to stop paying recycling and reuse credits to 3rd party organisations (i.e. charity and community groups) from 1st July 2016 for materials where existing collections are in place. The anticipated financial saving is £60k (£45k in 2016/17 and £15k in 2017/18).</p>
2	<p>Does this relate to any other policy within your department, the Council or with other partner organisations? <i>If yes, please reference the relevant policy or EHRIA. If unknown, further investigation may be required.</i></p> <p>This policy relates to the Leicestershire Municipal Waste Management Strategy and Leicestershire County Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy 2015.</p> <p>This policy also relates to changes for the provision of recycling and household waste sites in Leicestershire and the policy for the payment of recycling credits to the district / borough councils.</p>
3	<p>Who are the people/ groups (target groups) affected and what is the intended change or outcome for them?</p> <p>The groups affected are charities and community groups who are currently claiming recycling / reuse credits from LCC. There are currently approx. 40 groups registered to claim credits.</p> <p>The intended change is to reduce the current level of support from c. £110k p.a. to c. £50k by stopping the payment of credits for materials where existing collections are in place at the kerbside / Recycling & Household Waste Sites.</p> <p>In consultation Charity and community groups making representation, pointed out the financial impact on their activity and the consequential effect this may have on the service funded by the income.</p> <p>The impact on individual groups will vary depending on the tonnage and type of waste collected and therefore the size of the recycling / reuse credit claim.</p>

	<p>Claims vary from over £25k p.a. to less than £250 p.a.</p> <p>To put the financial impact into context, the majority of the material to which the proposed restrictions applies would be textiles. Charities will still be free to collect this material for which at current market rates some £200- £600 per ton would still be obtainable; the credit amount which would be withdrawn in 2016/17 would be £52.91 per ton.</p> <p>The alternative approach which was also consulted upon was to withdraw credits for these charity and community groups altogether. The other consulted proposal to prevent all free deposition at RHWS sites (see related EHRIA) which consultation revealed would also have had a significant financial impact is not proposed to be carried forward.</p> <p>In this approach recycling credits would still be payable on materials which are not collected at kerbside or RHWS sites and charities would still be able to secure both income from those materials and the benefit of the credit.</p>		
4	Will this policy meet the Equality Act 2010 requirements to have due regard to the need to meet any of the following aspects? (Please tick and explain how)		
		Yes	No
			How?
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation	✓	
Advance equality of opportunity between different groups	✓		As above.
Foster good relations between different groups	✓		As above.

Section 2: Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA) Screening

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The purpose of this section of the assessment is to help you decide if a full EHRIA is required.

If you have already identified that a full EHRIA is needed for this policy/ practice/ procedure/ function/ service, either via service planning processes or other means, then please go straight to [Section 3](#) on Page 7 of this document.

Section 2			
A: Research and Consultation			
5.	Have the target groups been consulted about the following?	Yes	No*
	a) their current needs and aspirations and what is important to them;	✓	
	b) any potential impact of this change on them (positive and negative, intended and unintended);	✓	
	c) potential barriers they may face	✓	
6.	If the target groups have not been consulted directly, have representatives been consulted or research explored (e.g. Equality Mapping)?	N/A	
7.	Have other stakeholder groups/ secondary groups (e.g. carers of service users) been explored in terms of potential unintended impacts?	✓	
8.	*If you answered 'no' to the question above, please use the space below to outline what consultation you are planning to undertake, or why you do not consider it to be necessary.		
	N/A		

Section 2			
B: Monitoring Impact			
9.	Are there systems set up to:	Yes	No
	a) monitor impact (positive and negative, intended and unintended) for different groups;	✓	
	b) enable open feedback and suggestions from different communities	✓	

Note: If no to Question 8, you will need to ensure that monitoring systems are established to check for impact on the protected characteristics.

Section 2				
C: Potential Impact				
10.	Use the table below to specify if any individuals or community groups who identify with any of the ' protected characteristics ' may <u>potentially</u> be affected by this policy and describe any positive and negative impacts, including any barriers.			
		Yes	No	Comments
	Age	✓		There may potentially be impacts on individuals / specific

				groups, depending on how the charities and community groups react to the reduction in funding. The exact impacts are difficult for LCC to predict as the individual charities / community groups make their own decisions on how their available funding is utilised.
	Disability	✓		As above
	Gender Reassignment		✓	
	Marriage and Civil Partnership		✓	
	Pregnancy and Maternity		✓	
	Race		✓	
	Religion or Belief		✓	
	Sex		✓	
	Sexual Orientation		✓	
	Other groups e.g. rural isolation, deprivation, health inequality, carers, asylum seeker and refugee communities, looked after children, deprived or disadvantaged communities	✓		As above
	Community Cohesion		✓	
11.	Are the human rights of individuals <u>potentially</u> affected by this proposal? Could there be an impact on human rights for any of the protected characteristics? (Please tick)			

Explain why you consider that any particular article in the Human Rights Act may apply to your policy/ practice/ function or procedure and how the human rights of individuals are likely to be affected below: [NB. Include positive and negative impacts as well as barriers in benefiting from the above proposal]				
		Yes	No	Comments
Part 1: The Convention- Rights and Freedoms				
Article 2: Right to life			✓	
Article 3: Right not to be tortured or treated in an inhuman or degrading way			✓	
Article 4: Right not to be subjected to slavery/ forced labour			✓	
Article 5: Right to liberty and security			✓	
Article 6: Right to a fair trial			✓	
Article 7: No punishment without law			✓	
Article 8: Right to respect for private and family life			✓	
Article 9: Right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion			✓	
Article 10: Right to freedom of expression			✓	
Article 11: Right to freedom of assembly and association			✓	
Article 12: Right to marry			✓	
Article 14: Right not to be discriminated against			✓	
Part 2: The First Protocol				
Article 1: Protection of property/ peaceful enjoyment			✓	
Article 2: Right to education			✓	
Article 3: Right to free elections			✓	
Section 2				
D: Decision				
12.	Is there evidence or any other reason to suggest that:	Yes	No	Unknown

	a) this policy could have a different affect or adverse impact on any section of the community;		✓	
	b) any section of the community may face barriers in benefiting from the proposal		✓	
13.	Based on the answers to the questions above, what is the likely impact of this policy			
	No Impact <input type="checkbox"/>	Positive Impact <input type="checkbox"/>	Neutral Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Negative Impact or Impact Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>
Note: If the decision is 'Negative Impact' or 'Impact Not Known' an EHRIA Report is required.				
14.	Is an EHRIA report required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Section 2: Completion of EHRIA Screening

Upon completion of the screening section of this assessment, you should have identified whether an EHRIA Report is required for further investigation of the impacts of this policy.

Option 1: If you identified that an EHRIA Report is required, continue to [Section 3](#) on Page 7 of this document to complete.

Option 2: If there are no equality, diversity or human rights impacts identified and an EHRIA report is not required, continue to [Section 4](#) on Page 14 of this document to complete.

Section 3: Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA) Report

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This part of the assessment will help you to think thoroughly about the impact of this policy and to critically examine whether it is likely to have a positive or negative impact on different groups within our diverse community. It is also to identify any barriers that

may detrimentally affect under-represented communities or groups, who may be disadvantaged by the way in which we carry out our business.

Using the information gathered either within the EHRIA Screening or independently of this process, this EHRIA Report should be used to consider the impact or likely impact of the policy in relation to all areas of equality, diversity and human rights as outlined in Leicestershire County Council's Equality Strategy.

Section 3

A: Research and Consultation

When considering the target groups it is important to think about whether new data needs to be collected or whether there is any existing research that can be utilised.

15. Based on the gaps identified either in the EHRIA Screening or independently of this process, how have you now explored the following and what does this information/data tell you about each of the diverse groups?

- a) current needs and aspirations and what is important to individuals and community groups (including human rights);
- b) likely impacts (positive and negative, intended and unintended) to individuals and community groups (including human rights);
- c) likely barriers that individuals and community groups may face (including human rights)

16. Is any further research, data collection or evidence required to fill any gaps in your understanding of the potential or known affects of the policy on target groups?

When considering who is affected by this proposed policy, it is important to think about consulting with and involving a range of service users, staff or other stakeholders who may be affected as part of the proposal.	
17.	Based on the gaps identified either in the EHRIA Screening or independently of this process, <u>how</u> have you further consulted with those affected on the likely impact and <u>what</u> does this consultation tell you about each of the diverse groups?
18.	Is any further consultation required to fill any gaps in your understanding of the potential or known effects of the policy on target groups?

Section 3	
B: Recognised Impact	
19.	Based on any evidence and findings, use the table below to specify if any individuals or community groups who identify with any 'protected characteristics' are <u>likely</u> be affected by this policy. Describe any positive and negative impacts, including what barriers these individuals or groups may face.
	Comments

	Age	
	Disability	
	Gender Reassignment	
	Marriage and Civil Partnership	
	Pregnancy and Maternity	
	Race	
	Religion or Belief	
	Sex	
	Sexual Orientation	
	Other groups e.g. rural isolation, deprivation, health inequality, carers, asylum seeker and refugee communities, looked after children, deprived or disadvantaged communities	
	Community Cohesion	

20.	Based on any evidence and findings, use the table below to specify if any particular Articles in the Human Rights Act are <u>likely</u> apply to your policy. Are the human rights of any individuals or community groups affected by this proposal? Is there an impact on human rights for any of the protected characteristics?	
		Comments

Part 1: The Convention- Rights and Freedoms	
Article 2: Right to life	
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Section 3	
C: Mitigating and Assessing the Impact	
Taking into account the research, data, consultation and information you have reviewed and/or carried out as part of this EHRIA, it is now essential to assess the impact of the policy.	
21.	If you consider there to be actual or potential adverse impact or discrimination, please outline this below. State whether it is justifiable or legitimate and give reasons.

N.B.

i) If you have identified adverse impact or discrimination that is illegal, you are required to take action to remedy this immediately.

ii) If you have identified adverse impact or discrimination that is justifiable or legitimate, you will need to consider what actions can be taken to mitigate its effect on those groups of people.

- 22.** Where there are potential barriers, negative impacts identified and/or barriers or impacts are unknown, please outline how you propose to minimise all negative impact or discrimination.
- a) include any relevant research and consultations findings which highlight the best way in which to minimise negative impact or discrimination
 - b) consider what barriers you can remove, whether reasonable adjustments may be necessary, and how any unmet needs that you have identified can be addressed
 - c) if you are not addressing any negative impacts (including human rights) or potential barriers identified for a particular group, please explain why

Section 3

D: Making a decision

- 23.** Summarise your findings and give an overview as to whether the policy will meet Leicestershire County Council's responsibilities in relation to equality, diversity, community cohesion and human rights.

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Section 3

E: Monitoring, evaluation & review of your policy

<p>24.</p>	<p>Are there processes in place to review the findings of this EHRIA and make appropriate changes? In particular, how will you monitor potential barriers and any positive/ negative impact?</p>
<p>25.</p>	<p>How will the recommendations of this assessment be built into wider planning and review processes? <i>e.g. policy reviews, annual plans and use of performance management systems</i></p>

**Section 3:
F: Equality and human rights improvement plan**

Please list all the equality objectives, actions and targets that result from the Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA) (continue on separate sheets as necessary). These now need to be included in the relevant service plan for mainstreaming and performance management purposes.

Equality Objective	Action	Target	Officer Responsible	By when

Section 4: Sign off and scrutiny

Upon completion, the Lead Officer completing this assessment is required to sign the document in the section below.

It is required that this Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA) is scrutinised by your [Departmental Equalities Group](#) and signed off by the Chair of the Group.

Once scrutiny and sign off has taken place, a depersonalised version of this EHRIA should be published on Leicestershire County Council's website.

Section 4

A: Sign Off and Scrutiny

Confirm, as appropriate, which elements of the EHRIA have been completed and are required for sign off and scrutiny.

Equality and Human Rights Assessment Screening

Equality and Human Rights Assessment Report

1st Authorised Signature (EHRIA Lead Officer):Vicky Cormie.....

Date:15/10/15.....

2nd Authorised Signature (DEG Chair):

Date: