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Household Recycling Centre Charging Policy

Policy Details

What is this policy for?	This policy details the items that a charge will be levied for at the 11 Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) across Dorset. It also details the current level of charge. The materials covered by the policy are - hardcore and rubble, soil, asbestos, plasterboard, motor vehicle and motorcycle tyres and gas canisters.
Who does this policy affect?	Users of the HRCs who deposit the defined "non-household" waste items – hardcore and rubble, soil, asbestos, plasterboard, motor vehicle and motorcycle tyres and gas canisters.
Keywords	Household Recycling Centre, charges, fees, hardcore, rubble, soil, asbestos, plasterboard, tyres, gas canisters.
Author	Jason Jones, Group Manager (Commissioning), Waste Strategy
Dorset Council policy adopted from	Dorset Waste Partnership This policy applies across the Dorset Council area.
Does this policy relate to any laws?	Environmental Protection Act 1990 Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 and 2012
Is this policy linked to any other Dorset Council policies?	Household Recycling Centre Vehicle Policy Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Dorset 2008 and update 2017.
Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)	An EQIA was undertaken on the policy and identified the need for pictorial signage for those members of the community who do not read or speak English. These signs have been erected and use the WRAP national guidance for iconography. A new EQIA will be completed when the policy is reviewed/harmonised for Dorset Council.
Other Impact Assessments	A risk assessment was undertaken for the policy and it was defined as a medium risk. A budget impact assessment made the following observations: The level of savings (annual) forecast for the recommended change options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charging for acceptance of specified non-household materials at HRC's - £250,000 pa. Set up costs of £20,000 which will be attributed against this saving. • An increase in customer contact costs is expected, estimated at £5,000 for first 12 months after implementation which will be attributed against the savings.

You can read information regarding this policy on our website: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/recycling-centres-and-banks/recycling-centre-charges.aspx>

Status and Approvals

Status	Live	Version	1
Last review date	14 September 2015	Next review date	
Approved by (Director)	Director of the Dorset Waste Partnership	Date approved	14 September 2015
Member Approval	Dorset Waste Partnership Joint Committee	Date approved	14 September 2015. Previous papers on the policy subject were submitted on 25 September 2014 and 15 June 2015.

Full Equality Impact Assessment

Step 2: Scoping – what are you impact assessing?

Service and lead officer:

Household Recycling Centres
Jason Jones, DWP Contract Manager

Officers involved in the EqIA:

Jason Jones, Contracts Manager
Ian Manley, Contracts Team Leader

What are you impact assessing?

Existing:

New/proposed:

Changing/Update/ revision

Other, please list

What is the title of your service / strategy / policy / project?

Household Recycling Centres – charging for non-household waste

Q2. What is the aim of your service / strategy / policy / project?

Aims of the HRC service

- To meet our statutory obligations under section 51 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- To provide facilities that are accessible to all residents of Dorset.
- To recover as much of the waste that is deposited at the facilities as possible.
- To ensure access is not gained to the facilities by carriers of commercial or industrial waste.
- To ensure waste is deposited, kept, transferred and treated without risk to the environment or human health.

Change of policy – to charge for “non-household” waste (hardcore, plasterboard, asbestos etc) to reduce the cost of the service to contribute to financial savings

Q3. Who does/will it have an impact on? eg. public, visitors, staff, members, partners?

Users of the HRCs who deposit “non-household” waste (96% of site users according to recent survey)

Q4. Are there any potential barriers to implementing changes to your service / strategy / policy / project? eg. capacity or financial issues

no

Q5 . Who else will be involved in implementing this service /policy...

HRC contractor

Q6. What data do you already have about your service users, or the people your policy or strategy will have an impact on, that is broken down by equality strand?

List here:

HRC service survey 2016

Q7. Do you need any further information broken down by equality strand to inform this EqIA?

No

If yes, list here and add actions to gather this data to your action plan at step 5):

Expand box as necessary

4. Making a judgement about impacts

Protected Characteristics

Age None

Disability None

Gender and Transgender None

Race None. Signage will be in English, as is the other HRC signage, though we have introduced pictorial signage in accordance with WRAP guidelines

Religion or belief None

Sexual orientation None

Safeguarding

Is there anything in this policy/procedure that has implications for safeguarding children or vulnerable adults?

No

If yes, please ensure that the policy/procedure is submitted to the DCC Safeguarding Adults Head of Service or Children's Safeguarding Head of Service.

Health

Assessing health impacts is also an important issue, many factors can influence health. Health inequalities include income, housing, employment, the environment, transport, education and access to services. For more detailed information please see ['Health Impacts'](#).

Health: None

Conclusion : No Equalities impacts from change to this policy

5. Action planning

Investigate more pictorial signage for chargeable items

Q8. Is there any potential for direct or indirect discrimination?

No

If yes, please explain how you are going to change this?

Expand box as necessary

Step 4: Improvement plan – what are you going to change?

Expand boxes as necessary

Issue	Action	Performance Target (what difference will it make)	Lead Officer	Achieved	Difference made

EqIA approved by: _____

Date: _____

Review date: _____

Check with your equality officer for the EqIA signing-off process and for posting the EQIA on the web.