

Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA)

Date: 26/07/2021
Name of function or policy: Multi Box Recycling System trial
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Name of Officers completing this form: Lily Walker (Recycle More Officer)
Who are the main beneficiaries of the function or policy?

250 volunteers on the new multi box recycling system trolley trial.

Give brief overview of policy:

250 residents will trial a new recycling trolley. The multi box recycling system consists of a wheeled unit with 5 pull out drawers for each type of recycling. It is a similar size to a 240 litre wheelie bin.

Considerations	Discussion of significant effects	Age	Sex	Sexual orientatio n/gender reassignm ent	Race / Ethnicity	Religion	Pregnancy / Maternity	Disability	Marriage / Civil Partnership
Will the policy potentially impact negatively on persons according to their protected characteristics?	No direct impact as it is an optional service. Any residents on the assisted service for their recycling will continue to receive the service either with the new trolley if selected as a volunteer, or with their current recycling containers.								
Will the policy promote equality of opportunity between persons sharing/not sharing protected characteristics?	Yes – please see point below.								
Does the policy and its action plans support improved access to and experience of services for those users who have protected characteristics?	Some residents with limited mobility may find they are able to move the recycling trolley more easily than the current boxes and bags which can require multiple trips to put the recycling out.								
Will it promote good relations between persons sharing/not sharing protected characteristics?	N/A								
If there is no impact is there a gap or are there opportunities to develop	N/A								

the policy to enable a					
positive impact?					

Summary of impacts:

The recycling trolley trial will have little negative impact on those with protected characteristics. A potentially positive impact is that some residents who struggle to lift and carry the boxes and bags (but can manage a wheelie bin) may find the trolley easier to use for their recycling. This may help them to retain some independence and delay the need to use our assisted collection service.

What impact is this policy/service likely to have on those living within our areas of deprivation?

The recycling trolley trial is open for everyone to register their interest, whether living in a deprived area or not.

What impact is this policy/service likely to have on other socio-economic groups? (e.g. carers, exoffenders, low income, homeless)

Some low-income households may live in smaller properties such as flats. The recycling trolley may not be suitable for residents living in flats if they have limited space to store the trolley or would need to wheel it up/down stairs. However, they are welcome to sign up and trial it if selected as a volunteer.

What impact is this policy/service likely to have on the recognised health inequalities in our district? (e.g. shorter life expectancy, higher rates of; smoking, COPD, obesity and low levels of breastfeeding. Including the increased risk of death from COVID-19 in the over 70's, those with diabetes, hypotensive diseases, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, dementia, those from BAME communities and those from Jewish communities.)

The trial will have little impact on residents affected by health inequalities. The trial is open to everyone to register their interest and have the opportunity to be selected as a volunteer.

A potential positive impact is for those who may struggle with low energy levels or shortness of breath may find the recycling trolley easier to wheel out to the kerbside as opposed to lifting the different boxes and bags. The assisted collection service will continue for anyone currently receiving the service.

Residents should continue to be encouraged to wash their hands before and after touching bins and recycling containers to limit the spread of Covid-19.

Are there any Human Rights implications?

No.