

Impact Assessment - First Stage

1. Details of the initiative

Initiative description and summary: Proposed ending of kerbside collection for textiles
Service Area: Streetcare Services
Directorate: Environment and Regeneration

2. Does the initiative affect:

	Yes	No
Service users	✓	
Staff	✓	
Wider community		✓
Internal administrative process only		✓

3. Does the initiative impact on people because of their:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/How might it impact?
Age		✓				
Disability		✓				
Gender Reassignment		✓				
Marriage/Civil Partnership		✓				
Pregnancy/Maternity		✓				
Race		✓				
Religion/Belief		✓				
Sex		✓				
Sexual orientation		✓				

4. Does the initiative impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence used) / How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language		✓				The proposed ending of the kerbside collection of textiles does not impact on people's opportunities to communicate in Welsh.
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English		✓				The proposed ending of the kerbside collection of textiles does not impact on provision to ensure staff can use their first language of choice.

5. Does the initiative impact on biodiversity:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence) / How might it impact?
To maintain and enhance biodiversity		✓				The proposed ending of the kerbside collection of textiles will not affect biodiversity.
To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.		✓				The proposed ending of the kerbside collection of textiles will not affect resilience of ecosystems.

6. Does the initiative embrace the sustainable development principle (5 ways of working):

	Yes	No	Details
Long term - how the initiative supports the long term well-being of people	✓		The proposed changes are recommended to increase the reuse of textiles with local charities and other organisations. At present, there are difficulties with outlet markets for textile recycling, resulting in the textiles being sent for incineration. Under the waste hierarchy, reuse is more desirable than recycling. Shifting communications and resources to promote the reuse of textiles is the most viable option at this time. Removing textiles from the kerbside will also reduce contamination levels in kerbside recyclable streams, making them more attractive to re-processors and reducing the likelihood of loads being rejected, in turn helping to promote a circular economy.
Integration - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives	✓		The initiative will help improve the quality of baled paper recyclate sent for reprocessing. This will help us achieve higher quality recyclate in line with the statutory waste targets. Therefore the initiative aligns with Well-being objective 3.2, to work with communities to increase reuse, recycling and composting.
Involvement - how people have been involved in developing the initiative	✓		The initiative stems from textile recycling outlets ceasing their processing of textiles collected from the kerbside, and feedback from the transfer station and collection crews, along with feedback from residents and members concerning 'cash of clothes' events and associated reuse markets.
Collaboration - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions		✓	The issues surrounding recycling outlets for the kerbside collection of textiles is a national issue. J. P. Wilcox, the number one outlet, has pulled out of the kerbside market, and other contractors have followed suit, resulting in textiles being sent for incineration. The proposal will help promote more reuse by other organisations such as those listed in the report.
Prevention - how the initiative will	✓		The initiative will help reduce paper contamination and assist with

prevent problems occurring or getting worse			collection capacity, reducing costs and promoting service sustainability. It is hoped more textiles can ultimately be reused as opposed to the level of recycling which is currently being achieved.
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7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate):

A full impact assessment (second stage) is not required	✓
Initial screening indicates that the ending of the kerbside collection of textiles would not impact upon any of the protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 or on people's ability to use the Welsh language.	

A full impact assessment (second stage) is required	
Reasons for this conclusion	

	Name	Position	Signature	Date
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