

Impact Assessment - First Stage

1. Details of the initiative

Initiative description and summary: Fees and Charges
Service Area: Waste 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		✓			L	The service is offered to the commercial sector to dispose of their waste. Members of the public can dispose of the garden waste free of charge at our Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and would not have reason to use the service.
Disability		✓			L	See above
Gender Reassignment		✓			L	See above
Marriage/Civil Partnership		✓			L	See above
Pregnancy/Maternity		✓			L	See above
Race		✓			L	See above

Religion/Belief		✓			L	See above
Sex		✓			L	See above
Sexual orientation		✓			L	See above

4. Does the initiative impact on:

	Yes	No	None/ Negligible	Don't Know	Impact H/M/L	Reasons for your decision (including evidence)/ How might it impact?
People's opportunities to use the Welsh language		✓			L	Service is not forward facing and will not be used by members of the public. Any promotions on our website and any literature produced will be in both Welsh and English languages.
Treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English		✓			L	See above

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	✓				M	Provision of a reliable outlet for commercially generated garden waste may reduce the instances of fly-tipping, helps protect the local environment and ensures the safe disposal/recycling of collected waste at a licenced facility.
To promote the resilience of ecosystems, i.e. supporting protection of the wider environment, such as air quality, flood alleviation, etc.			✓		L	

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	✓		Providing a local outlet that was previously unavailable for commercially generated garden/tree cutting waste ensures that a reliable outlet can be offered in the longer term and may help reduce the incidence of fly-tipping and helps protect the local environment.
Integration - how the initiative impacts upon our wellbeing objectives	✓		Neighbouring local authorities have already introduced similar charges for commercially generated garden waste. Source segregated commercial garden waste can be sent for composting and provides the most economically advantageous treatment option.
Involvement - how people have been involved in developing the initiative	✓		We have discussed the proposal as part of the Fees and Charges paper and also discussed with our site contractor FCC Environment.
Collaboration - how we have worked with other services/organisations to find shared sustainable solutions	✓		We have taken into consideration Welsh Government's statutory recycling targets and discussed with our site contractor FCC Environment.
Prevention - how the initiative will prevent problems occurring or getting worse	✓		Providing an outlet for the commercial sector to dispose of garden waste helps the council meet its statutory recycling targets and helps promote a green circular economy and protect the local environment. It helps promote a healthier Wales and a globally responsible Wales.

7. Declaration - based on above assessment (tick as appropriate)

A full impact assessment (second stage) is not required	✓
Reasons for this conclusion	
The service is for commercially generated garden waste. Arboriculturalists /landscape gardeners also have the choice to use other commercially available facilities. Householders can dispose of their	

garden waste free of charge at our Household Waste Recycling Centres and would not have reason to use the service.

A full impact assessment (second stage) **is** required

Reasons for this conclusion

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