

## Impact Assessment Form and Action Table (Amended for budget cuts)

(Expand the boxes as appropriate)

<p><b>What are you completing this impact assessment for?</b> (Service, budget cut)</p>	<p><b>ENV 11.04</b> Somerset Waste Partnership: Reduce the number of the Household Waste Recycling Centres in Somerset – Closure of Coleford, Crewkerne, Dulverton and Middlezoy.</p> <p>Consider the closure of 4 more sites.</p>								
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<p>To reduce site infrastructure from 18 recycling centres to 14 to reduce costs.</p> <p>We need to understand the impact of the first 4 sites that are going to be closed before we consider an additional 4 more sites on a case by case basis.</p> <p>These are the estimated savings. These are assumptions and cannot be modelled as we don't have any experience of site closures:</p>									
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<p>The 'Age' group will be affected by this cut. More so in the Dulverton area where the over 65 year olds demographics group is high (sourced from the SINE Community Profile Area Summary Quilt).</p> <p>There is a potential impact on people with disabilities in that they will have to travel further to their closest recycling centre.</p> <p>There is no impact on gender and race groups.</p>									
<p><b>Section 2B</b> - Groups that the budget cut is <b>delivered</b> by. (Employment details of staff, broken down by particular groups, disability, gender, race, etc as per Action Table)</p>									
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Somerset has the lowest dwelling stock to recycling centre ratio of any council in the South West. Somerset has 1:13188 compared to 1:17091 in Devon. The Council will still provide a strong network of 15 sites, which is above the national average for a county with the population the size of Somerset.

The geographic location has been taken into consideration. We will reduce the number of sites in 4 districts by 1 each. The exception is Taunton Deane which only has 2 sites to start with. The result after the 4 closures will be:

Mendip	3 sites	Frome, Dulcote, Street
Sedgemoor	3 sites	Saltlands, Highbridge, Cheddar
South Somerset	4 sites	Dimmer, Somerton, Yeovil, Chard
Taunton Deane	2 sites	Priorswood, Poole
West Somerset	2 sites	Williton, Minehead

Dulverton is the County's smallest site with just over 1000 households within a 5 mile radius, although the catchment area is undoubtedly larger and there is a 36 mile round trip to the next alternative. This site takes in under 1200 tonnes per year, less than a quarter of the tonnage of the average for all 18 sites. There are an estimated 24,000 visits per year, versus an average of 108,000 across all sites. The cost per visit is the highest in the County.

Coleford is the County's second smallest site. There are around 9500 households within a 5 mile radius but around half of these are as close, or closer to Frome or Dulcote. The site takes the second lowest tonnage of 2372 tonnes per year. There are 46000 visits per year. The cost per visit is the second highest in the County.

Middlezoy has 14313 households within a 5 mile radius, but the majority of these are actually closer to another site. There are 3 other sites (Saltlands, Street and Somerton) within a 7 mile radius. The site has the third lowest throughput of all our sites at 2657 tonnes per year.

Crewkerne has 9744 households within a 5 mile radius. 2360 of these are also within 5 miles of Yeovil. There are straightforward road links to, and is midway between sites at Chard and Yeovil. The site takes 5100 tonnes per year and has 98716 visits per year which is mid-table and just below the average but the site takes cross boundary traffic from Dorset.

A consultation event is taking place at all 4 locations.

**Section 4 - Conclusions** drawn about the **impact** of the budget cut on different groups highlighting negative impact or unequal outcomes and missed opportunities for promoting equality.

Dulverton is in a rural area which has a high demographic of over 65 year olds and the closure involves a 36 mile round trip to the next alternative.

The general population of Somerset will be affected in that they will have longer journeys to make to their next available recycling centre if their closest centre closes.

**Section 5 - After discussion with Management Teams**, list comments, criticisms or alternative approaches regarding the impact of budget cut.

**Section 6 - How will the assessment, consultation & outcomes be published & communicated?**

This information will be published on the Somerset County Council website.

Review of further closures will be assessed during 2011, with potential action commenting in the 2012/13 financial plan. Notification of changes will be communicated through the press, the SWP website and signage on site.

<b>Completed by:</b> (Please print name)	J Breeze
<b>Signed off by:</b> (Operations Manager)	Steve Read, Somerset Waste Partnership
<b>Signed off by:</b> (Directorate Equalities Champion)	Adrienne Parry
<b>Review Completion Date:</b>	March 2011

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Dulverton is in a rural area which has a high demographic of over 65 year olds and the closure involves a 36 mile round trip to the next alternative.	Going ahead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is a bulky waste collection service offered.</li> <li>- 'Sort it plus' will be in place by mid 2012.</li> <li>- There are 14 other sites available</li> <li>- Some waste can be</li> </ul>	Steve Read, Operations Manager	No new monitoring system required	To minimise the impact on identified groups.	

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		donated to charity shops. - Greater need for promotions to reduce waste - Targeted communications to affected residents - Access to assisted waste collection				
The general population of Somerset will be affected in that they will have longer	Going ahead	- Roll out of Sort it plus: Crewkerne,	Steve Read, Operations Manager	No new monitoring system required	To minimise the impact on identified groups.	

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<p>journeys to make to their next available recycling centre.</p> <p>This could also have an impact on women travelling on their own.</p>		<p>Coleford and Middlezoy by March 2011. Dulverton by mid 2012.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Targeted communications to affected residents</li> </ul> <p>All residents have access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- assisted waste collection</li> <li>- chargeable kerbside garden waste and bulky waste</li> </ul>				

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		collection service			
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<b>Other (caring responsibility, rurality, low income etc)</b>					

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<b>Phase 1</b> ✓	<b>Phase 2</b>	<b>Capital</b>
<b>Section 1 - Aims &amp; Objectives</b> of the Budget Cut		
Modify opening hours and/or specific opening days on other sites, according to evidence of usage patterns.		
<b>Section 2A</b> - Groups that may be affected by the budget cut. (May be general population of Somerset or those from particular groups, disability, gender, race etc as per Action Table)		
This will affect the general population of Somerset with no specific impact on equality issues.		
<b>Section 2B</b> - Groups that the budget cut is <b>delivered</b> by. (Employment details of staff, broken down by particular groups, disability, gender, race, etc as per Action Table)		
Staffing reductions will be covered by the Corporate Staff Equalities Impact Assessment.		
<b>Section 3 - Evidence</b> and Data used for Assessment		
Still to be determined.		
<b>Section 4 - Conclusions</b> drawn about the <b>impact</b> of the budget cut on different groups highlighting negative impact or unequal outcomes and missed opportunities for promoting equality.		
To be determined.		
<b>Section 5 - After discussion with Management Teams</b> , list comments, criticisms or alternative approaches regarding the impact of budget cut.		
<b>Section 6 - How will the assessment, consultation &amp; outcomes be published &amp; communicated?</b>		
This information will be published on the Somerset County Council website.  SWP will aim to publish proposals in February 2011, with a view to changes being implemented from April 2011. Notification of changes will be communicated through the press, the SWP website and signage on site.		
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<b>What are you completing this impact assessment for?</b> (Service, budget cut)	<b>ENV11.04</b> Somerset Waste Partnership: Charge for depositing hardcore, tyres and gas bottles at recycling centres
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**For which phase of cuts are you completing your impact assessment?** (Please tick below as appropriate)

**Phase 1**

✓

**Phase 2**

**Capital**

### **Section 1 - Aims & Objectives** of the Budget Cut

To start charging householders for depositing hardcore, tyres and gas bottles. These materials are classed as industrial (as opposed to household) waste. This is within our statutory function.

This will generate revenue and offsetting costs.

The fee will be the same throughout Somerset.

### **Section 2A** - Groups that may be affected by the budget cut. (May be general population of Somerset or those from particular groups, disability, gender, race etc as per Action Table)

This will have an impact on the general population of Somerset, particularly low income families.

There is no specific impact on disability, gender and race groups.

### **Section 2B** - Groups that the budget cut is **delivered** by. (Employment details of staff, broken down by particular groups, disability, gender, race, etc as per Action Table)

Staffing reductions will be covered by the Corporate Staff Equalities Impact Assessment.

### **Section 3 - Evidence** and Data used for Assessment

An exercise has been carried out to assess what we can charge for. We have calculated how much it costs us to dispose of industrial waste items and to move it around the County, but as yet have not set charges.

### **Section 4 - Conclusions** drawn about the **impact** of the budget cut on different groups highlighting negative impact or unequal outcomes and missed opportunities for promoting equality.

This will have a definite impact on the general population of Somerset, in particular low income families as this will involve a new cost to dispose of waste classified as industrial.

This is a new charging system we are introducing and will need to communicate.

### **Section 5 - After discussion with Management Teams**, list comments, criticisms or alternative approaches regarding the impact of budget cut.

Consideration to remove the option to dispose of industrial waste altogether is an option but this imposed a risk of increased fly tipping which not only has an aesthetic issue but has a large cost impact on local authorities

### **Section 6** - How will the assessment, consultation & outcomes be **published & communicated**?

This information will be published on the Somerset County Council website.

SWP will aim to publish proposals, including charging levels, during February 2011, with charges to be introduced from April 2011. Notification of changes will be communicated through the press, the SWP website and signage on site.

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This will have a definite impact on the general population of Somerset, in particular low income families as this will involve a new cost to dispose of waste classified as industrial.	Going ahead	There are other options available such as : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- skip hire</li> <li>- disposing of waste directly to a landfill site</li> <li>- hire of hippo bag which is a convenient and cheaper alternative to a skip with no trips to the tip</li> </ul>	Steve Read, Operations Manager	No new monitoring system required	To minimise the impact on identified groups.	

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This is a new charging system which will affect the general population of Somerset	Going ahead	Consideration will be given to all access and communication needs	Steve Read, Operations Manager	A new monitoring system will be required	To minimise the impact on identified groups.	