

## Increasing Southampton's Recycling -EIA-MRD

### Equality Impact Assessment

**EIA No:**

### Budget Proposals 2013/14

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<b>Portfolio Ref:</b>	<b>Budget Proposals 2013/14</b>
<b>E&amp;T2</b>	Increasing Southampton's Recycling Rate and Enhancing Collections
<b>Brief Service Profile</b>	A bid for £8.28m has been submitted to the Government's Weekly Collection Support Scheme to retain and fund weekly waste collections for a minimum of 4.3 years, increase the city's recycling rate by providing two weekly glass collections to all houses and flats across the city, provide and enhanced home composting programme for 15,000 households and food digester scheme for 3,000 households. Funding is for 2.3 years, thereafter, there is no funding. Funding will be used to purchase vehicles, pump prime new services and make savings in order to fund weekly collections in years 4 and 5. Please note, that in years 4 and five, glass collections will become four weekly rather than two weekly in order to ensure they become cost neutral.
<b>Summary of impact and Issues</b>	This involves issuing 75,000 residents in houses in the city with a 38 litre plastic box which they can use to store glass bottles and jars in. The boxes would be kept in residents properties and put out every 2 weeks for collection via the councils waste collectors using specialist glass collection vehicles. We would provide a service to flats by using collection banks. Composters and food digesters would be distributed by the supplier and a project officer would be available to support residents with any issues they might have.
<b>Potential positive impacts</b>	Would reduce the amount of waste sent for disposal by some 2250 tonnes per annum. The 2250 tonnes of glass sent for recycling back into new glass bottles and jars would save considerable amounts of energy compared to making glass bottles and jars out of virgin materials. Residents in houses would not need to visit glass bottle and jar recycling banks. This would save approx 2202 tonnes of CO2. Feedback from focus groups and customer engagement group inform us residents would like glass collections. Composters and food digesters increase the amount of waste diverted from landfill.
<b>Responsible service Manager</b>	Gale Williams - Development & Performance Manager
<b>Date</b>	24/09/12
<b>Approved by Senior Manager:</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	

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