

## Food Waste Policy - Equality Impact Assessment

Question	Response
1. Name of Service/Policy/Function/Proposal	Introduction of separate weekly food waste collection service (from 31 March 2026)
2. Officer Completing Form	Paul Coates
3. New or Revised?	New
4. Potential Effect on Protected Characteristics?	Yes
5. Affected Groups & Intended Outcome	Possible impacts for disabled residents, older people, and those in smaller properties. Aim: reduce landfill/incineration, lower emissions, meet national policy.
6. Protected Characteristics Likely to Be Negatively Impacted	Disability, Age, Chronic Illnesses
7. Risk of Widening Gap Between Groups?	Yes, if no mitigations. Mitigations proposed (e.g., assisted collection).
8. Existing Data/Monitoring	August 2025 consultation: 59% likely to use service, 57% opposed. Concerns: pests, liner costs, space. Disabled respondents raised mobility concerns.
9. Impact on Deprivation/Health Inequalities	Potential positive environmental impact. Minor negative impact for residents with mobility/income constraints.
10. Human Rights Implications	No direct breach identified.
11. Monitoring & Review Process	Service take-up monitored in first year; review participation and complaints.
12. Monitoring Barriers & Impacts	Track assisted collection uptake, pest/space complaints, guidance requests.
13. Confidentiality of Assessment	No – can be shared with Equalities Working Group.