

Resident Impact Assessment

Islington Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan

Service Area: Environment and Commercial Operations

1. What are the intended outcomes of this policy, function etc?

Background

In May 2018 the Mayor of London published his London Environment Strategy (the Strategy). The Strategy sets out objectives, targets and policies for the effective management of London’s municipal waste and to accelerate the transition to a circular economy. The Strategy’s waste objectives, targets and minimum service levels for London are:

Objective 7.1 -Drive resource efficiency to significantly reduce waste focusing on food waste and single use packaging

Objective 7.2–Maximise recycling rates

Objective 7.3-Reduce the environmental impact of waste activities (greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants)

Objective 7.4 -Maximise local waste sites and ensure London has sufficient infrastructure to manage all the waste it produces

In performing their waste functions, waste authorities need to show how they are acting in general conformity with the municipal waste provisions of this strategy.

The Mayor expects local authorities to develop reduction and recycling plans covering the period 2018 to 2022, which demonstrate how Local Authorities intend to meet the Mayor’s objectives by 2020 and should include local reduction and recycling targets that contribute to the Mayor’s London-wide targets.

Islington’s Reduction and Recycling Plan

Our RRP aims to demonstrate how we are working to support the Mayor’s objectives for London in respect to waste and recycling.

The report contains commitments and targets in support of the four policy objectives.

2. Resident Profile

Who is going to be impacted by this change i.e. residents/service users/tenants? Please complete data for your service users. If your data does not fit into the categories in this table, please copy and paste your own table in the space below. Please refer to section 3.3 of the guidance for more information.

		Borough profile	Service User profile
		Total: 206,285	Total:
Gender	Female	51%	
	Male	49%	
Age	Under 16	32,825	
	16-24	29,418	

	25-44	87,177	
	45-64	38,669	
	65+	18,036	
Disability	Disabled	16%	
	Non-disabled	84%	
Sexual orientation	LGBT	No data	
	Heterosexual/straight	No data	
Race	BME	52%	
	White	48%	
Religion or belief	Christian	40%	
	Muslim	10%	
	Other	4.5%	
	No religion	30%	
	Religion not stated	17%	

The aims and objectives apply to all residents in the Borough and are not targeted at any specific group.

3. Equality impacts

With reference to the guidance, please describe what are the equality and socio-economic impacts for residents and what are the opportunities to challenge prejudice or promote understanding?

- **Is the change likely to be discriminatory in any way for people with any of the protected characteristics?**
- **Is the proposal likely to have a negative impact on equality of opportunity for people with protected characteristics? Are there any opportunities for advancing equality of opportunity for people with protected characteristics?**
- **Is the proposal likely to have a negative impact on good relations between communities with protected characteristics and the rest of the population in Islington? Are there any opportunities for fostering good relations?**
- **Is the proposal a strategic decision where inequalities associated with socio-economic disadvantage can be reduced?**

The four policy objectives are not likely to be discriminatory in any way for people with any of the protected characteristics.

The four policy objectives are not likely to have a negative impact on equality of opportunity for people with protected characteristics, nor to have a negative or positive impact on good relations between communities with protected characteristics and the rest of the population in Islington.

The four policy objectives may present opportunities for advancing equality of opportunity for people with protected characteristics.

The four policy objectives may be considered strategic decisions where inequalities associated with socio-economic disadvantage can be reduced.

Specific opportunities

Improving recycling in purpose built flats and apartments in the private rented sector, housing associations and other social rented housing sectors improve socio-economic indicators because recycling services tend to be less convenient and less well maintained in purpose built blocks of flats, where socio-economic indicators may often be lower than in other households. The specific proposals support the objective of improving recycling for purpose built blocks of flats, and therefore are likely to improve socio-economic indicators.

The trialling of accessible recycling bins on estates is likely to have a positive impact on eliminating discrimination and the advancement of equality of opportunity. It has been identified that wheelchair users sometimes find the use of communal recycling bins problematic because it is difficult to reach the apertures in the lids of the bin. Although the containers used are widely used by most Local Authorities, the proposal will involve trialling a bespoke container with an aperture cut into the side of the container, providing a lower access point for users of the container, benefiting anyone who cannot easily reach the lid aperture. The trial will be evaluated before deciding whether to extend the trial to other estates.

4. Safeguarding and Human Rights impacts

Safeguarding risks and Human Rights breaches

Please describe any safeguarding risks for children or vulnerable adults AND any potential human rights breaches that may occur as a result of the proposal? Please refer to section 4.8 of the guidance for more information.

There are no safeguarding issues arising as a result of the aim, objectives or specific proposals within the report.

(If potential safeguarding and human rights risks are identified then please contact equalities@islington.gov.uk to discuss further)

5. Action

How will you respond to the impacts that you have identified in sections 3 and 4, or address any gaps in data or information?

(For more information on identifying actions that will limit the negative impact of the policy for protected groups see the guidance.)

Action	Responsible person or team	Deadline
There are no actions identified as a result of this RIA.		

Please send the completed RIA to equalities@islington.gov.uk and also make it publicly available online along with the relevant policy or service change.

This Resident Impact Assessment has been completed in accordance with the guidance and using appropriate evidence.

Staff member completing this form:	Head of Service or higher
Signed: 	Signed: 
Date: 26/04/2019	Date: 07/05/2019