

Proposal Title: BCP Council ten-year Waste Strategy

Impact Summary

Climate Change & Energy	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Communities & Culture	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Waste & Resource Use	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Economy	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Health & Wellbeing	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Learning & Skills	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Natural Environment	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Sustainable Procurement	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Transport & Accessibility	No positive or negative impacts identified	

Answers provided indicate that the score for the carbon footprint of the proposal is: **0**

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Type of Proposal: **Strategy**

Brief description:

The waste strategy will set out how household and commercial waste services will be managed. The strategy will be aligned with government waste reforms and the council's corporate strategy. It will set out a baseline of current performance along with focus areas, ambitions and plans covering kerbside collections, transfer stations, recycling centres and bring banks alongside commercial services and communications to residents, businesses and the community.

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Proposer's Directorate: **Environment & Community**

Proposer's Service Unit: **Environment**

Estimated cost (£):

If known, the cost amount (£):

Ward(s) Affected (if applicable):

All Wards

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) supported by the proposal:

3. Good Health and Well Being 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities 12. Responsible Consumption and Production 13. Climate Action

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Climate Change & Energy

Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on addressing the causes and effects of climate change? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (in this case there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Has the proposal accounted for the potential impacts of climate change, e.g. flooding, storms or heatwaves? **Yes**
- 2) Does it assist reducing CO2 and other Green House Gas (GHG) emissions? E.g. reduction in energy or transport use, or waste produced. **Yes**
- 3) Will it increase energy efficiency (e.g. increased efficiency standards / better design / improved construction technologies / choice of materials) and/or reduce energy consumption? **Yes**
- 4) Will it increase the amount of energy obtained from renewable and low carbon sources? **Yes**

How was the overall impact of the proposal on its ability to positively address the cause and effects of climate change rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

Sustainable waste disposal and sustainable waste targets are key ambitions of the waste strategy - meeting government waste targets which come into force during the lifetime of this ten-year strategy: to recycle 65% of waste and send less than 10% to landfill by 2035. The proposal has accounted for potential impacts of climate change, for example, odour nuisance from waste, particularly during heatwaves may be reduced by collecting recyclable food waste weekly instead of fortnightly alongside non-recyclable waste. The strategy aims to reduce CO2 and greenhouse gases by prioritising waste site proximity where possible, so waste travels only as far as is necessary, reducing the carbon impact of transporting waste. The introduction of expanded food waste collections means vehicle emissions would slightly increase due to expanded collections but overall environmental impact would be improved through the reduction of carbon emissions through waste recycling, (rather than disposal) e.g. through diverting food waste out of non-recyclables and instead using it to create compost, landscape products or biogas. Energy consumption and waste reduction will be reduced by preserving items for longer through the reuse and repair declaration - supporting reuse and repair networks where funding allows. Waste reduction will also be supported by a potential re-location of the community reuse

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store "new to you" to a more central location. The strategy has a focus on education and behaviour change - informing residents and businesses how to prevent waste and recycle more materials more frequently.

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Communities & Culture

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the development of safe, vibrant, inclusive and engaged communities? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it help maintain and expand vibrant voluntary and community organisations? **Yes**
- 2) Will it promote a safe community environment? **Yes**
- 3) Will it promote and develop cultural activities? **Not Relevant**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the development of safe, vibrant, inclusive and engaged communities be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



Reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

Collection of waste contributes to a safe and healthy community environment. Waste collection is important to residents and contributes to residents' engagement with the council - 81% of respondents are happy with waste services (BCP Council Residents Survey). A public consultation has taken place, (June 2025) with almost two-thirds of respondents happy to further separate their waste. A councillors' informal working group has been formed to capture any additional community feedback. Local communities will be supported to prevent, reduce and recycle waste through education, engagement and services. The community reuse store, "new to you" offers affordable items to support disadvantaged local people who are in need of essential items required to set up a home and for day to day living. It also ensures reusable items are diverted from disposal thus improving environmental performance.

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Waste & Resource Use

Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on waste resource use or production and consumption? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it prevent waste or promote the reduction, re-use, recycling or recovery of materials? **Yes**
- 2) Will it use sustainable production methods or reduce the need for resources? **Yes**
- 3) Will it manage the extraction and use of raw materials in ways that minimise depletion and cause no serious environmental damage? **Yes**
- 4) Will it help to reduce the amount of water abstracted and / or used? **Yes**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the sustainable production and consumption of natural resources be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

The waste strategy views waste as a valuable resource with the strategy setting out waste treatment, in legal accordance with the waste hierarchy: prevent, reduce, re-use, recycle, recover and finally dispose. Applying the waste hierarchy will reduce the demand for virgin raw materials for production, thus contributing to sustainable production and reducing consumption of natural resources. It supports the movement away from a linear economy where waste is thrown "away" to a circular economy where resources are used for as long as possible. During the lifetime of the strategy, the council will become responsible for new services including food waste, plastic film and separate paper and card collections increasing recycling rates. Food waste will be converted into compost material and biogas and separating paper and card will improve the quality of recyclate for use in new products, reducing depletion of natural resources. The risk of batteries causing fires when mixed with dry recycling will also be addressed by the strategy. By removing the service collecting batteries, vapes and small electricals at the kerbside, fires will be prevented and this will also protect dry recycling at the transfer stations prior to onward processing.

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Economy

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the area's ability to support, maintain and grow a sustainable, diverse and thriving economy? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

1) Will the proposal encourage local business creation and / or growth?
Yes

2) Will the proposal enable local jobs to be created or retained?
Yes

3) Will the proposal promote sustainable business practices?
Yes

=How would the overall impact of the proposal on it's potential to support and maintain a sustainable, diverse and thriving economy be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

Positive impacts are expected through use of modern waste infrastructure and a review of recycling centre policies and the van permit scheme to manage commercial waste abuse more effectively. This in turn supports business by reducing the likelihood of reputable businesses being undercut by those not paying to dispose of waste correctly. The strategy supports the local economy and the creation and retention of local environment jobs. The strategy provides employment opportunities with businesses engaged in waste services. The proposal specifically aims to support a more sustainable economy and the transition to a circular economy. Government initiatives such as Deposit Return Scheme and Extender Producer Responsibility will impact upon the funding of waste services, however the level of funding is yet to be determined.

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Health & Wellbeing

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the creation of a inclusive and healthy social and physical environmental for all? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will the proposal contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of residents or staff?
Yes
- 2) Will the proposal contribute to reducing inequalities?
Yes
- 3) Will the proposal contribute to a healthier and more sustainable physical environment for residents or staff?
Yes

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the creation of a fair and healthy social and physical environmental for all be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

This proposal will reduce inequalities as it will bring parity of strategy and service to residents regardless of which town they live in. Good management of waste contributes to a healthy physical environment for everyone and the strategy contributes to BCP Council's carbon reduction targets, lowering pollution by reducing vehicle and disposal emissions associated with waste and recycling. The strategy specifically considers how services will be delivered in a safe manner under the ambition to deliver "Futureproof and safe services". There will also be exploration of incentives for the use of reusable hygiene products. The extension of the food waste kerbside collection service may also support good health by highlighting to households how much edible food is thrown away and encouraging other behaviours such as freezing left-overs.

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Learning & Skills

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on a culture of ongoing engagement and excellence in learning and skills? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it provide and/or improve opportunities for formal learning?
Partially
- 2) Will it provide and/or improve community learning and development?
Yes
- 3) Will it provide and/or improve opportunities for apprenticeships and other skill based learning?
Yes

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the encouragement of learning and skills be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

The strategy will impact positively on learning and skills. Expected impacts include opportunities for community learning relating to prevention and recycling of waste, e.g. through information on-line or sorting tables at recycling centres to educate and enable residents to separate recyclables from non-recyclable items. The waste strategy also includes initiatives with schools through the School Environment Award which helps schools to raise awareness of local (and global) environmental issues and projects. Employees of BCP Council engaged in waste roles will receive training in line with the requirements of their role, therefore building their learning and skills.

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Natural Environment

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the protection or enhancement of local biodiversity or the access to and quality of natural environments?

Yes

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it help protect and improve biodiversity i.e. habitats or species (including designated and non-designated)? **Yes**
- 2) Will it improve access to and connectivity of local green spaces whilst protecting and enhancing them? **Yes**
- 3) Will it help protect and enhance the landscape quality and character?
Yes
- 4) Will it help to protect and enhance the quality of the area's air, water and land?
Yes

How would the overall impact of your proposal on the protection and enhancement of natural environments be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

The good management of waste, in particular the reduction of waste being sent to landfill disposal contributes to the quality of the natural environment. The waste strategy has an emphasis on reducing the need for raw materials, taken from the natural environment through its emphasis on keeping materials and items in use for as long as possible in line with the circular economy. The waste strategy covers commercial waste services which include a bulky waste collection service which may reduce the risk of fly-tipping therefore protecting the quality of landscape character.

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Sustainable Procurement

Does your proposal involve the procurement of goods, services or works? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

Has or is it intended that the Strategic Procurement team be consulted?

Yes – planning to discuss

If the Strategic Procurement team was not consulted, then the explanation for this is:

- 1) Do the Government Buying Standards (GBS) apply to goods and/or services that are planned to be bought?
No
- 2) Has sustainable resource use (e.g. energy & water consumption, waste streams, minerals use) been considered for whole life-cycle of the product/service/work?
Yes
- 3) Has the issue of carbon reduction (e.g. energy sources, transport issues) and adaptation (e.g. resilience against extreme weather events) been considered in the supply chain?
Yes
- 4) Is the product/service fairly traded i.e. ensures good working conditions, social benefits e.g. Fairtrade or similar standards?
Yes
- 5) Has the lotting strategy been optimised to improve prospects for local suppliers and SMEs?
Yes
- 6) If aspects of the requirement are unsustainable then is continued improvement factored into your contract with KPIs, and will this be monitored?
Yes

How is the overall impact of your proposal on procurement which supports sustainable resource use, environmental protection and progressive labour standards been rated?

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The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

The strategy preparation will be completed in-house rather than using external consultants, once the waste strategy is in place, a tender process will commence for

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waste disposal contracts and the Strategic Procurement Team will be consulted. Several of the contracts have lotted individual waste streams to help smaller or specialist contracts bid for contracts. Successful bidders will be expected to demonstrate evidence of sustainable environmental and social outcomes and at present, a number of local businesses hold existing contracts for waste services e.g. waste haulage (D&L) and waste processing (Eco Sustainable Solutions).

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Transport & Accessibility

Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on the provision of sustainable, accessible, affordable and safe transport services - improving links to jobs, schools, health and other services? **No**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

There are not expected to be any impacts on affordable and safe transport services nor accessibility to schools, health or other services.

- 1) Will it support and encourage the provision of sustainable and accessible modes of transport (including walking, cycling, bus, trains and low emission vehicles)?
- 2) Will it reduce the distances needed to travel to access work, leisure and other services?
- 3) Will it encourage affordable and safe transport options?

How would the overall impact of your proposal on the provision of sustainable, accessible, affordable and safe transport services be rated?

No positive or negative impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

Details of proposed mitigation and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):