

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal	T19 Hampshire Scientific Services income generation
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Description of Service / Policy

Hampshire Scientific Services are an Official Food and Feed Control Laboratory which currently provides analytical testing and consultancy regarding Food / Feed Legislation to other government bodies for enforcement purposes.

Geographical impact* All Hampshire

Description of proposed change

It is proposed to increase income generation by offering current services to food / feed businesses to provide due diligence testing, accurate food labelling and analytical certificates to demonstrate compliance with food legislation. Working initially with Hampshire Trading Standards and potentially other partners to provide a one stop shop to businesses for all assured advice needs, this initiative would support economic growth and also increase income into HCC.

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

No specific Hampshire wide consultation has been carried out on this proposal, however, the County Council carried out a major public consultation exercise over the Summer 2017 on a range of options for finding further budget savings including increasing council tax, using reserves and making changes to the way in which services are delivered, which may mean reducing or withdrawing certain services. The outcome of this consultation will be presented to Cabinet in September 2017.

When decisions are made to pursue the options, further specific consultation will be carried out with stakeholders on the detailed options where required.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Statutory considerations	Impact
Age	Neutral

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Disability	Neutral
Sexual Orientation	Neutral
Race	Neutral
Religion and Belief	Neutral
Gender Reassignment	Neutral
Gender	Neutral
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral
Pregnancy and Maternity	Neutral

Other policy considerations

Poverty	Neutral
Rurality	Neutral

Neutrality Statement	Hampshire Scientific Services provide analytical and consulting services to departments for enforcement purposes and do not work directly with Hampshire residents. This initiative is to increase services to business and will have no impact on existing services.
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Additional Information

EIA completed on behalf of Anne Scarrett.