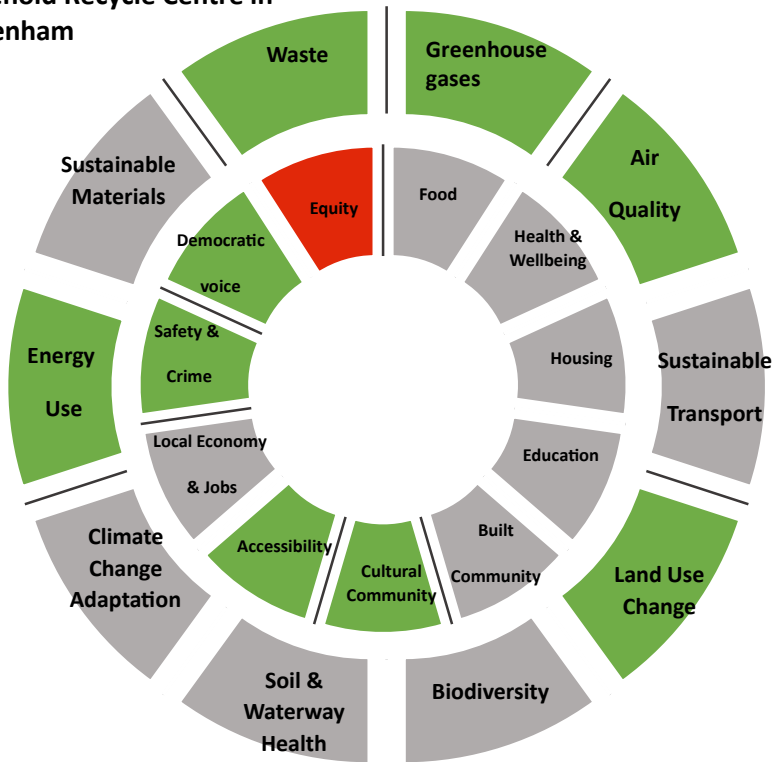


The impact of the Council ceasing to operate the Household Recycle Centre in Cheltenham



Key	
	Significant and/or long-term positive impact identified. No changes needed.
	Slight or short-term positive impact identified. No changes needed but could be reviewed to improve.
	Not applicable or no cause for concern.
	Slight or short-term negative impact identified. Review to identify possible improvements.
	Significant and/or long-term negative impact identified. Changes needed before proceeding.

Environmental	Scores	Justification	Recommendation
GHGs	4	Less vehicular movements will be required to dispose of waste on the site if the site ceases to operate; if residents use their kerbside recycling service or bring banks closer to them rather than driving to Swindon Road, less vehicular movements are likely. If the HRC is unavailable for residual waste disposal, residents may need to take measures to reduce their residual waste to fit into their bins at home and take more recycling out of this waste stream.	0
Air quality	4	Less vehicular movements will be required to dispose of waste on the site if the site ceases to operate; if residents use their kerbside recycling service or bring banks closer to them rather than driving to Swindon Road, less vehicular movements are likely and reduced CO ₂ e and particulate. If the HRC is unavailable for residual waste disposal, residents may need to take measures to reduce their residual waste to fit into their bins at home and take more recycling out of this waste stream.	0

Sustainable Transport	0	The service is accessible motor vehicle and not suited to public transport - ceasing to operate the service will not change transportation choices.	0
Land use change	4	The land will cease to be used as a household recycling centre (waste site) temporarily or permanently stopping any potential land contamination.	0
Biodiversity	0	The land will cease to be used as a household recycling centre (waste site) temporarily or permanently stopping any potential land contamination but no action is possible to improve biodiversity without significant expenditure.	0
Soil and waterway health	0	The land will cease to be used as a household recycling centre (waste site) temporarily or permanently stopping any potential land contamination but no action is possible to improve soil quality without significant expenditure.	0
Climate Change Adaptation	0	No impact however a behaviour change and awareness campaign will seek to encourage waste reduction, resource consumption reduction (including energy and water) and recycling.	0
Energy Use	4	Less vehicular movements will reduce fossil fuel usage; equipment/machinery on site will no longer be needed therefore less energy (electricity) to run machinery and lighting will be consumed.	0
Sustainable Materials	0	No resources will be required by ceasing to operate the service however were significant financial investment agreed to continue operating the site then significant amounts of concrete and steel would be required along with other resources and energy/water.	0
Waste	4	If the site ceases to operate temporarily or permanently residents will need to reduce the residual waste to fit into their bins or take it to Wingmoor Farm HRC; recycling can be put into the kerbside/bring bank recycling services or taken to Wingmoor Farm HRC - this may reduce the amount of recycling in Cheltenham but should reduce the amount of residual waste.	0

Social	Scores	Justification	Recommendation
Food	0	No impact expected however behaviour change campaigns that increase the amount of recycling in the borough will provide more donations to local food banks and provide opportunities for positive promotion of message to support this priority.	0
Health	0	The only impact is with lower vehicular movements reducing CO2e and particulate which may have a positive impact on air pollution but likely to be too small to measure.	0
Housing	0	Ceasing this service temporarily or permanently will not have any impact on housing	0
Education	0	Ceasing this service temporarily or permanently will not have any impact on education	0
Community	0	Ceasing this service temporarily or permanently will not have any impact on community	0
Culture	8	Ceasing this service temporarily or permanently will be supported by a behaviour change/ promotional campaigns to support climate change priorities including waste reduction, reducing food waste and increasing recycling and its importance including local community events being supported by the Council as a result	0
Accessibility	8	Residents able to drive to the site being temporarily or permanently closed will be able to drive a few miles further to access Wingmoor Farm HRC, those that find this difficult will be able to use the bring banks and the kerbside recycling service more conveniently helping those who do not have cars or are less able. The assisted service for residents will support those less able to participate in kerbside recycling. Current infrastructure at the HRC does not enable access for those on foot safely, this issue will be resolved if residents use their kerbside service for all waste type accepting that some waste types will still need to be taken to the Wingmoor Farm HRC by car.	0
Local Economy and Jobs	0	No impact by temporarily or permanently ceasing to operate the service	0

Safety	4	Security at the current site has always been an issue and regular break ins have occurred with the potential risk to the intruders and to staff on site - this will be avoided if the service ceases temporarily or permanently. Less opportunities for crime will be available.	0
Equity	-4	Those with cars are currently able to access the service and will be able to access similar services a little further away via car; older people who may not wish to drive further will be impacted however they will be able to use kerbside services or bring banks to dispose of their waste from home. Those on low incomes may not be able to afford a garden waste subscription but could choose to compost at home using the GCC discounted composters.	0
Democratic Voice	4	Public consultation will take place via the budget consultation and further public consultation or a residents survey in 2025. Behaviour change and promotional information will be distributed widely to residents within available resources	0