

## Herefordshire Council Environmental Impact Assessment Form

Name of proposal	Public Realm efficiency savings (S10)
Directorate and Service Area	Environment and Place
Saving £k	£ 300k
Name of Lead Officer(s)	Mairead Lane

### Step 1: What is the proposal?

Please explain your proposal in plain English, avoiding acronyms and jargon.

#### 1.1 What is the proposal?

Devolve more services and assets to communities (e.g. amenity grass cutting, open spaces / sports Areas and/or playgrounds maintenance)

Efficiencies from community liaison (reduction in no of locality stewards posts and reduction in customer service/stakeholder liaison posts)

Asset Sponsorship and Streetside advertising

### Step 2: What environmental aspects will be affected by the development and implementation of this proposal?

Air quality		Hazardous materials	
Biodiversity	X	Noise pollution	
Carbon emissions		Soil and water quality	
Flooding and climate resilience	X	Waste and recycling	X
		Other	

If other please state:

Is this:

Review of an existing activity	
New activity	
Planning to withdraw or reduce a service, activity or presence?	X

### Step 3: What information and evidence have you reviewed to help inform this assessment?

For example name sources e.g. traffic assessments, carbon and energy calculations, air quality assessment, ecological surveys, waste analysis etc.

<p><b>3.1 What information and evidence have you reviewed to help inform this assessment?</b></p> <p>There is a risk that devolution of services could reduce service specification and affect biodiversity across the public realm network. The changes to locality stewards may affect the ability to collect and respond to drainage defects and hence impact on flooding and response to fly tipping, assistance with litter picks and community groups.</p>
<p><b>3.2 Summary of engagement or consultation undertaken</b></p> <p>BBLP have had initial engagement with parishes on willingness to take on devolved services. This will need to be developed further.</p> <p>Consultation on changes to the number of locality stewards with stakeholders and communities.</p>
<p><b>3.3 Summary of relevant findings</b></p> <p>There is a good deal of work and negotiation needed to define and devolve any service to Parishes. There is more work to be undertaken to define and understand service impacts of Locality steward reductions.</p>

### Step 4: The impact of this proposal

#### 4.1 The impact of this proposal

Please consider the potential impact of this activity (during development and implementation) on each of the key considerations outlined below. Please tick one or more impact box below for each and explain your rationale. Please note it is possible for the potential impact to be both positive and negative within the same group and this should be recorded.

	Potential <u>positive</u> impact	Potential <u>neutral</u> impact	Potential <u>negative</u> impact	Reasons
Air quality				
Protection and enhancement of Biodiversity			X	Inconsistency in devolved services
Carbon emissions	X			Potential for less travel
Flooding and climate resilience			X	Service response to defects and investigation work may impact ability

				to respond in a timely manner and increase risk of flooding.
Use/management of hazardous materials			X	Service ability to fly tipping may be affected by loss of LS capability
Noise pollution				
Soil and water quality				
Waste and recycling				
Other				

**4.2 What actions will you take to mitigate any potential negative impacts?**

It is likely that HC need to define and accept more network risk and lower service levels.

**Step 5: Monitoring and Review**

**5.1 How will you monitor and review these actions?**

Monitoring arrangements to be developed.

**Service Director sign-off:**

Richard Ball  
Director of Economy & Place

**Date:**

29 January 2021