

<p>1. Using information that you have gathered from service monitoring, surveys, consultation, and other sources such as anecdotal information fed back by members of staff, in your opinion, could your service / policy / strategy / decision (including decisions to cut or change a service or policy) disadvantage, or have a potentially disproportionately negative effect on, any of the following groups of people:  <i>People of different ages – including young and older people</i>  <i>People with a disability;</i>  <i>People of different races / ethnicities / nationalities;</i>  <i>Men; Women;</i>  <i>People of different religions/beliefs;</i>  <i>People of different sexual orientations;</i>  <i>People who are or have identified as transgender;</i>  <i>People who are married or in a civil partnership;</i>  <i>Women who are pregnant or on maternity leave or men whose partners are pregnant or on maternity leave;</i>  <i>People living in areas of deprivation or who are financially disadvantaged.</i></p>	<p>No. The document referred to in the Cabinet / Planning Committee Report (i.e. the Provision for Travellers Sites Development Plan Document: Options and Preferred Options) should have a positive effect on certain people of different ethnicities.</p>
<p>2. What sources of information have you used to come to this decision?</p>	<p>Government policy and guidance (Planning Policy for Traveller Sites, March 2012, and Designing Gypsy and Traveller Sites: Good Practice Guide, May 2008).</p>
<p>3. How have you tried to involve people / groups in developing your service / policy / strategy or in making your decision (including decisions to cut or change a service or policy)?</p>	<p>The document being reported on (Traveller Sites DPD) represents the first draft of what will be a Local Plan to allocate specific sites for Traveller accommodation. The purpose of the Cabinet report is seek approval of the document for public consultation for six weeks. A wide range of different individuals and bodies will be contacted directly to advise about the consultation. In addition, the document will be publicised in the press and on the Council's website. People will be invited to submit their views on the content of, and proposals contained within, the document. These views will be taken into account in preparing the subsequent version of the document.</p>
<p>4. Could your service / policy / strategy or decision (including decisions to cut or change a service or policy) help or hamper our ability to meet our duties under the Equality Act 2010? Duties are to:-  <i>Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;</i>  <i>Advance equality of opportunity (removing or minimising disadvantage, meeting the needs of people);</i>  <i>Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it.</i></p>	<p>The purpose of the Traveller Sites DPD is to allocate land to meet the objectively-assessed accommodation needs of the travelling community (of whom, Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers are groups recognised as having a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010). By facilitating the provision of authorised, permanent sites of adequate standards and in suitable locations, the DPD should contribute towards meeting each of the duties listed at left.</p>
<p>5. What actions will you take to address any issues raised in your answers above</p>	<p>(The relevant actions are referred to above.)</p>