

Appendix E – Implementing Self-Financing for Council Housing

West Lancashire Borough Council

EIA process for services, policies, projects and strategies

Question 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:

- People of different ages – including young and older people
 - People with a disability ✓
 - People of different races/ethnicities/nationalities
 - Men
 - Women
 - People of different religions/beliefs
 - People of different sexual orientations
 - People who are or have identified as transgender
 - People who are married or in a civil partnership
 - Women who are pregnant or on maternity leave or men whose partners are pregnant or on maternity leave
 - People living in areas of deprivation or who are financially disadvantaged
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Question 2

What sources of information have you used to come to this decision?

Answer

The financial settlement based on £60 per property gives the Council around £378k to carry out work to alter houses for people with disabilities. This year, we are investing £1.2M in this work stream. The result could lead to less work being carried out for disabled people or other investment work not being undertaken.

Question 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)?

Answer

Yes, this report is going to Tenants, Politicians and Staff are also being made aware of it.

Question 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:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- Advance equality of opportunity (removing or minimising disadvantage, meeting the needs of people)
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it

Answer

Possibly

Question 5

What actions will you take to address any issues raised in your answers above?

Answer

We will make Government aware of this matter in the hope that the settlement will be changed so that funding is sufficient to meet needs.
