

1.	<p>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>	No
2.	<p>What sources of information have you used to come to this decision?</p>	<p>There is no adverse impact on equality in relation to the equality target groups as the rules on petitions are intended to enable public access to the decision-making process of the authority and as such contribute towards open and inclusive governance.</p>
3.	<p>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>Consultation with residents and stakeholders was previously undertaken around the impact of withdrawing Concessionary Travel within the district. The Petition Organiser will be in attendance at the meeting.</p>
4.	<p>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 decision taken is to review the adequacy of the steps taken in response to the Petition The Council considers that the steps previously taken in respect of consultation with residents and stakeholders around the impact of withdrawing Concessionary Travel within the district were robust. Full account was taken of the social inclusion impacts, and costs and benefits in making decisions at this time. Furthermore, the decision to cease involvement with discretionary travel concessions was also taken at a time when Government funding within this area was withdrawn and any funding for this was passed to Lancashire County Council with effect from April 2011.</p>
5.	<p>What actions will you take to address any issues raised in your answers above</p>	<p>No issues raised.</p>