

Equality Impact Assessment Form



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| Directorate: Transformation & Resources | Service: Partnership & Performance |
| Completed by: Alison Grimes | Date: 20 August 2020 |
| Subject Title: Council Plan 2020/21-2022/23 | |
| 1. DESCRIPTION | |
| Is a policy or strategy being produced or revised: | Yes |
| Is a service being designed, redesigned or cutback: | No |
| Is a commissioning plan or contract specification being developed: | No |
| Is a budget being set or funding allocated: | No |
| Is a programme or project being planned: | No |
| Are recommendations being presented to senior managers and/or Councillors: | Yes |
| Does the activity contribute to meeting our duties under the Equality Act 2010 and Public Sector Equality Duty (Eliminating unlawful discrimination/harassment, advancing equality of opportunity, fostering good relations): | Yes |
| <p>Details of the matter under consideration: The assessment is for the Council Plan 2020/21-2022/23. The Council Plan reflects the Council's vision and priorities.</p> <p>The Council Plan is the overarching strategy for the Council and sets the vision and priorities for the Council. The Plan sets well-defined priorities to be used when shaping future budget decisions and during service planning. The plan actions may themselves involve service design, redesign or cutback, or contract specification development, or require budget considerations. The plan has been developed in line with the new target operating model for the Council and following public and stakeholder consultation.</p> <p><i>If you answered Yes to any of the above go straight to Section 3</i> <i>If you answered No to all the above please complete Section 2</i></p> | |
| 2. RELEVANCE | |
| Does the work being carried out impact on service users, staff or Councillors (stakeholders): | Yes |
| If Yes , provide details of how this impacts on service users, staff or Councillors (stakeholders): <i>If you answered Yes go to Section 3</i> | Delivery of the vision and priorities is through a broad range of actions. Specifying priorities assists with managing resources. Outcomes and outputs will impact on a variety of customers, service users, communities, Councillors and employees depending on the action. |
| If you answered No to both Sections 1 and 2 provide details of why there is no impact on these three groups: <i>You do not need to complete the rest of this form.</i> | |

| 3. EVIDENCE COLLECTION | |
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| Who does the work being carried out impact on, i.e. who is/are the stakeholder(s)? | Given the wide range of actions included in the Plan, there is unlikely to be a disproportionate effect on any single group with protected characteristics, or on any stakeholder group across the whole of the plan. The plan directly or indirectly impacts on all Council services and therefore all who work for the Council, those who use Council services or engage with the Council. Any specific actions covered by the Plan that may impact upon equality groups should be subject to an individual EIA by the relevant service. |
| If the work being carried out relates to a universal service, who needs or uses it most? (Is there any particular group affected more than others)? | As above. The current wide-range of actions included in the whole plan across many service areas means that there is unlikely to be 'most relevant' protected characteristics affected, or any particular group affected more than others. This may change with content in the lifetime of the plan. |
| Which of the protected characteristics are most relevant to the work being carried out? Age Gender Disability Race and Culture Sexual Orientation Religion or Belief Gender Reassignment Marriage and Civil Partnership Pregnancy and Maternity | No No No No No No No No No No |
| 4. DATA ANALYSIS | |
| In relation to the work being carried out, and the service/function in question, who is actually or currently using the service and why? | The plan applies borough-wide and beyond and will include work with partners. Given the strategic nature of the plan and the wide range of priorities and actions included, the work outlined will therefore impact on a broad range of service users and stakeholders in different ways. |
| What will the impact of the work being carried out be on usage/the stakeholders? | By having a clear statement of priorities through the Plan, attention and resources can be effectively focussed on achieving the Council's core objectives. The overall impact should be positive since the priorities of the plan aim for a positive impact on the borough. Negative impact will be mitigated through individual EIAs conducted by the relevant service. |
| What are people's views about the services? Are some customers more satisfied than others, and if so what are the reasons? Can these be | A draft Council Plan was developed by Cabinet working with senior Council management. The Plan containing the strategic ambitions was subject to |

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| <p>affected by the proposals?</p> | <p>Councillor, staff and stakeholder consultation. A public consultation was held 7 July – 19 August to gather views on the proposed new Council Plan. Comments were considered for final refinements to the plan.</p> <p>Council priorities are additionally informed by the Citizen/Stakeholder Survey which gathers views on a range of issues including the Council’s budget. The survey results can assist the Council in making plans to deliver services and make efficiency improvements.</p> <p>Views on services are gathered through informal and formal contacts/consultation throughout the year to provide a wide range of views to service managers about Council services. These will inform planning of services/changes alongside the financial constraints the Council works within.</p> |
| <p>What sources of data including consultation results have you used to analyse the impact of the work being carried out on users/stakeholders with protected characteristics?</p> | <p>As above. Individual projects that may impact upon equality groups should be the subject of EIAs themselves by the relevant service with involvement/consultation as appropriate. The final proposed Plan has been refined following consultation feedback.</p> |
| <p>If any further data/consultation is needed and is to be gathered, please specify:</p> | |
| <p>5. IMPACT OF DECISIONS</p> | |
| <p>In what way will the changes impact on people with particular protected characteristics (either positively or negatively or in terms of disproportionate impact)?</p> | <p>Outlining the Council’s priorities should provide reassurance that resources are being carefully managed. There is unlikely to be a disproportionate effect on any single group with protected characteristics, or on any stakeholder group. The plan can be provided in alternative formats on request. Impacts of changes resulting from individual actions will be dealt with by the relevant service.</p> |
| <p>6. CONSIDERING THE IMPACT</p> | |
| <p>If there is a negative impact what action can be taken to mitigate it? (If it is not possible or desirable to take actions to reduce the impact, explain why this is the case (e.g. legislative or financial drivers etc.).</p> | <p>Any initiatives within the plan that may impact upon equality groups should be subject to an individual EIA conducted by the relevant service.</p> |
| <p>What actions do you plan to take to address any other issues above?</p> | <p>The effectiveness and impact of Council priorities are assessed through responses to the annual Citizen/Stakeholder Survey.</p> |
| <p>7. MONITORING AND REVIEWING</p> | |
| <p>When will this assessment be reviewed and</p> | <p>The assessment will be reviewed as part of the</p> |

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| who will review it? | annual refresh process. This will include review by the senior management team. |
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