

Equality Impact Assessment Form



Directorate: Legal and Democratic Services	Service: Member Services
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Subject Title: Procedure for the public and applicants who wish to speak at the Planning Committee on Planning Applications that might affect them	
1. DESCRIPTION	
Is a policy or strategy being produced or revised:	No – minor revisions are proposed to existing procedure
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
Details of the matter under consideration:	To recommend minor revisions to existing procedure
<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>	
2. RELEVANCE	
Does the work being carried out impact on service users, staff or Councillors (stakeholders):	
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>	
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	
Who does the work being carried out impact on, i.e. who is/are the stakeholder(s)?	Members of the Public
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)?	n/a

Which of the protected characteristics are most relevant to the work being carried out?	
Age	Yes
Gender	Yes
Disability	Yes
Race and Culture	Yes
Sexual Orientation	Yes
Religion or Belief	Yes
Gender Reassignment	Yes
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Yes
Pregnancy and Maternity	Yes
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?	Members of the public
What will the impact of the work being carried out be on usage/the stakeholders?	No impact as only minor revisions are proposed to the existing procedure
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 affected by the proposals?	The existing procedure has proved popular with over 750 people speaking at planning committee since its introduction.
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?	n/a
If any further data/consultation is needed and is to be gathered, please specify:	n/a
5. IMPACT OF DECISIONS	
In what way will the changes impact on people with particular protected characteristics (either positively or negatively or in terms of disproportionate impact)?	No impact as only minor revisions are proposed to the existing procedure. The current procedure provides the same opportunities for all members of the public regardless of any protective characteristic they may have. Members of the public may ask a representative to speak on their behalf if they wish.
6. CONSIDERING THE IMPACT	
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.).	None
What actions do you plan to take to address any other issues above?	No issues
7. MONITORING AND REVIEWING	
When will this assessment be reviewed and who will review it?	The procedure is reviewed every 12 months by officers who will recommend any necessary amendments to members.