

# **Equality impact assessment form**

**Council Wide**

**Initial Budget Equality Impact Assessment**

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**Signed Off by: Don McLure**

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Derby City Council



## **Equality impact assessment – please read this section first before you do the assessment**

This is our equality impact assessment form to help you equality check what you are doing when you are about to produce a new policy, review an older one, write a strategy or plan or review your services and functions. In fact you need to do an equality impact assessment whenever a decision is needed that affects people and **before** that decision is made.

So why do we need to do equality impact assessments? Although the law does not require us to do them now, the courts still place significant weight on the existence of some form of documentary evidence of compliance with the **Public Sector Equality Duty** when determining judicial review cases. This method helps us to make our decisions fairly, taking into account any equality implications, so yes we still need to do them.

The Public Sector Equality Duty is part of the Equality Act 2010 and this Duty requires us as a public body to have '**due regard**' to eliminating discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act. It requires us to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a '**relevant protected characteristic**' and people who don't.

Having 'due regard' means:

- removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics
- taking steps to meet the needs of people with certain protected characteristics where these are different from the needs of other people
- encouraging people with certain protected characteristics to participate in public life or in other activities where the participation is disproportionately low.

The protected characteristics are:

- age
- disability
- gender identity
- marriage and civil partnership
- pregnancy and maternity
- race
- religion or belief
- sex
- sexual orientation

This completed form should be attached to any Chief Officer Group, Cabinet or Personnel Committee report to help elected members make their decisions by taking the equality implications into account. Equality impact assessments **must be done before** decisions are made. Include the Cabinet or Personnel Committee's decision on the front sheet when you know it.

You'll find that doing these assessments will help you to:

- understand your customers' and communities needs
- develop service improvements
- improve service satisfaction
- demonstrate that you have been fair and open and considered equality when working on re-structuring
- make sure you pay due regard to the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Don't do the form by yourself, get a small team together and make sure you include key people in the team such as representatives from our Diversity Forums and employee networks and you could invite trade union representatives too – the more knowledge around the table the better. You also need to decide how and who you will consult with to help inform the equality impact assessment. Our Lead on Equality and Diversity can help with useful contacts – we have a team of people who are used to doing these assessments and can help with information on barriers facing particular groups and remedies to overcome these barriers.

You'll need to pull together all the information you can about how what you are assessing affects different groups of people and then examine this information to check whether some people will be negatively or positively affected. Then you'll need to look at ways of lessening any negative effects or making the service more accessible – this is where your assessment team is very useful and you can also use the wider community. Against every negative impact you will need to complete the mitigation section to explain how you will lessen the impact.

Agree an equality action plan with your assessment team, setting targets for dealing with any negative effects or gaps in information you may have found. Set up a way of monitoring these actions to make sure they are done and include them in your service business plans.

When you have completed the assessment, get it signed by your Head of Service or Service Director and **send it to our Lead on Equality and Diversity for checking and to publish on our website**. It is a public document so must not contain any jargon and be easy to understand.

Remember, we need to do these assessments as part of our everyday business, so we get our equality responsibilities right and stay within the law – Equality Act 2010.

## **Equality groups and protected characteristics**

These are the equality groups of people we need to think about when we are doing equality impact assessments and these people can be our customers or our employees and job applicants...

- Age equality – the effects on younger and older people
- Disability equality – the effects on the whole range of disabled people, including Deaf people, hearing impaired people, visually impaired people, people with mental health issues, people with learning difficulties and people with physical impairments
- Gender identity – the effects on trans people
- Marriage and civil partnership equality
- Pregnancy and maternity equality - women who are pregnant or who have recently had a baby, including breast feeding mothers
- Race equality – the effects on minority ethnic communities, including newer communities, gypsies and travellers and the Roma community
- Religion and belief or non-belief equality – the effects on religious and cultural communities, customers and employees
- Sex equality – the effects on both men and women and boys and girls
- Sexual Orientation equality – the effects on lesbians, gay men and bisexual people

## **Contact for help**

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## The form

We use the term ‘policy’ as shorthand on this form for the full range of policies, practices, plans, reviews, activities and procedures.

Policies will usually fall into three main categories...

- Organisational policies and functions, such as recruitment, complaints procedures, re-structures
- Key decisions such as allocating funding to voluntary organisations, budget setting
- Policies that set criteria or guidelines for others to use, such as criteria about school admissions, procurement methods, disabled facilities grants, on street parking bays

If in doubt – it’s better and safer to do an Equality Impact Assessment than not to bother! You never know when we may get a legal challenge and someone applies for Judicial Review.

## What’s the name of the policy you are assessing?

### Budget Consultation 2019-2023

### The assessment team

Team leader’s name and job title – Toni Nash Head of Finance Corporate Resources

Other team members

<b>Name</b>	<b>Job title</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Area of expertise</b>
Elly Tomlinson	Principal Accountant	Derby City Council	Accountancy
Ann Webster	Lead on Equality and Diversity	Derby City Council	Equality

## Step 1 – setting the scene

Make sure you have clear aims and objectives on what you are impact assessing – this way you keep to the purpose of the assessment and are less likely to get side tracked.

### **1 What are the main aims, objectives and purpose of the policy? How does it fit in with the wider aims of the Council and wider Derby Plan? Include here any links to the Council Plan, Derby Plan or your Directorate Service Plan.**

The Council has a statutory responsibility to prepare a balanced budget for 2019/20. The continued reductions in government funding and increased pressures will inevitably lead to the Council having to reduce spending on the services it delivers.

[The Budget Consultation Document 2019-2023](#) contains the Council proposals for achieving a balanced budget for 2019/20.

### **2 Who delivers/will deliver the policy, including any consultation on it and any outside organisations who deliver under procurement arrangements?**

This consultation was led by Don McLure, Strategic Director of Corporate Resources.

Budget proposals have been consulted on with Strategic Directors and Council Cabinet. Further consultation has been carried out with citizens, scrutiny meetings, business rate payers and with representatives from the Equality Hubs and Forums – the consultation period ran from 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### **3 Who are the main customers, users, partners, employees or groups affected by this proposal?**

Potentially, any citizen in the city and Council colleagues

## **Step 2 – collecting information and assessing impact**

### **4 Who have you consulted and engaged with so far about this policy, and what did they tell you? Who else do you plan to consult with? – tell us here how you did this consultation and how you made it accessible for the equality groups, such as accessible locations, interpreters and translations, accessible documents.**

Budget proposals have been consulted on with Strategic Directors and also the elected members of Council Cabinet.

Proposals have been screened for both financial and service factors to determine whether specific equality impact assessments are required. For the financial assessment, a significance level £200,000 has been set. Colleagues have reviewed proposals and completed initial summary assessments that have identified impact if appropriate.

Peoples Directorate launched a separate consultation to start an early consultation process on some savings proposals as agreed in 24 October 2019 Cabinet Document. This consultation was launched on 9 November and closed on Friday 01 February 2019.

Consultation with colleagues and Trade Unions is continuing regarding the savings from the removal of car parking permits and a separate full EIA will be carried out before any decisions are made. This will be posted to the Council website when complete.

Further consultation has been carried out with citizens, members of scrutiny groups, with business rate payers and with representatives from the Equality Hubs and Forums.

Details of budget proposals are available on line and at local libraries. Feedback was invited through the online survey or by completing a paper questionnaire. The questionnaire was available in other formats on request.

Consultation, scrutiny and equality meetings were held at the Council House, which is accessible for disabled people and BSL interpreters were provided as required.

- 5 Using the skills and knowledge in your assessment team, and from any consultation you have done, what do you already know about the equality impact of the policy on particular groups? Also, use any other information you know about such as any customer feedback, surveys, national research or data. Indicate by a tick for each protected characteristic group whether this is a negative or a positive impact. If it's negative, fill in the mitigation section as well to explain how you are going to lessen the impact.**

**Age**

<b>What do you already know?</b>	<b>Positive impact</b>	<b>Negative impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<p>Several of the budget proposals will have an impact on older or younger people – these have been highlighted in the individual Equality Impact Assessments and are included on the <a href="#">Council's website</a></p> <p>The EIAs were completed with support from our Equality Hubs and Forums and our Equality Employee Networks</p>			<p>Where negative implications have been found, mitigation actions have been identified.</p>
<p>There are still some Equality Impact Assessments being completed from the budget proposals or yet to start. The EIAs will be completed before any changes are</p>			<p>Where negative implications are found, mitigation actions, if any, will be included</p>

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implemented. The EIAs will be posted on the Council's website			

## **Disability**

<b>What do you already know?</b>	<b>Positive impact</b>	<b>Negative impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
Several of the proposals will have an impact on disabled people – these have been highlighted in the individual Equality Impact Assessments and are included on the <a href="#">Council's website</a>  The EIAs were completed with support from our Equality Hubs and Forums and our Equality Employee Networks			Where negative implications have been found, mitigation actions have been identified.
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## **Gender identity- trans**

<b>What do you already know?</b>	<b>Positive impact</b>	<b>Negative impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
Some of the proposals may have an impact on			Where negative implications have been found, mitigation

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## **Marriage and Civil Partnership**

<b>What do you already know?</b>	<b>Positive impact</b>	<b>Negative impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<p>Where there is an impact on marriage or civil partnership, this has been highlighted in the individual Equality Impact Assessments, and included on the <a href="#">Council's website</a></p> <p>The EIAs were completed with support</p>			Where negative implications have been found, mitigation actions have been identified.

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### **Pregnancy and maternity**

<b>What do you already know?</b>	<b>Positive impact</b>	<b>Negative impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<p>Some of the budget proposals may have an impact on women or girls who are pregnant or have recently given birth. These have been highlighted in the individual Equality Impact Assessments and included on the <a href="#">Council's website</a></p> <p>The EIAs were completed with support from our Equality Hubs and Forums and our Equality Employee Networks</p>			Where negative implications have been found, mitigation actions have been identified.

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## Race

<b>What do you already know?</b>	<b>Positive impact</b>	<b>Negative impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
Some of the proposals may have an impact on minority ethnic people – if so, they have been highlighted in the individual Equality Impact and included on the <a href="#">Council's website</a>  The EIAs were completed with support from our Equality Hubs and Forums and our Equality Employee Networks			Where negative implications have been found, mitigation actions have been identified.
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## Religion or belief or none

What do you already know?	Positive impact	Negative impact	Mitigation
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## Sex

What do you already know?	Positive impact	Negative impact	Mitigation
<p>Some of the proposals may have an impact on people’s sex – if so, they have been highlighted in the individual Equality Impact Assessments and</p>			<p>Where negative implications have been found, mitigation actions have been identified.</p>

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## **Sexual orientation**

<b>What do you already know?</b>	<b>Positive impact</b>	<b>Negative impact</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<p>Some of the proposals may have an impact on LGBTQ+ people – if so, these have been highlighted in the individual Equality Impact Assessments and included on the <a href="#">Council's website</a></p> <p>The EIAs were completed with support from our Equality Hubs and Forums and our Equality Employee Networks</p>			<p>Where negative implications have been found, mitigation actions have been identified.</p>

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**Important** - For any of the equality groups you don't have any information about, then make it an equality action at the end of this assessment to find out. This doesn't mean that you can't complete the assessment without the information, but you need to follow up the action and if necessary, review the assessment later. You can get lots of information on reports done from organisations' websites such as the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Stonewall, Press for Change, Joseph Rowntree Trust and so on. Please don't put down that the impact affects 'everyone the same' – it never does!

**6 From the information you have collected, how are you going to lessen any negative impact on any of the equality groups? How are you going to fill any gaps in information you have discovered?**

There is and will be inevitably an effect on some people with protected characteristics which have become clearer during the public consultation and scrutiny exercise. For the key proposals, individual EIAs have been conducted to identify specific mitigating actions where possible.

### Step 3 – deciding on the outcome

7 What outcome does this assessment suggest you take? – You might find more than one applies. Please also tell us why you have come to this decision?

<b>Outcome 1</b>		<b>No major change needed</b> – the EIA hasn't identified any potential for discrimination or negative impact and all opportunities to advance equality have been taken
<b>Outcome 2</b>		<b>Adjust the policy</b> to remove barriers identified by the EIA or better advance equality. Are you satisfied that the proposed adjustments will remove the barriers you identified?
<b>Outcome 3</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Continue the policy</b> despite potential for negative impact or missed opportunities to advance equality identified. You will need to make sure the EIA clearly sets out the justifications for continuing with it. You need to consider whether there are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sufficient plans to stop or minimise the negative impact</li> <li>• mitigating actions for any remaining negative impacts</li> <li>• plans to monitor the actual impact.</li> </ul>
<b>Outcome 4</b>		<b>Stop and rethink</b> the policy when the EIA shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination

Our Assessment team has agreed Outcome number

Outcome number 3

Why did you come to this decision?

Due to the size and scope of the budget reductions proposed we know that there is some impact on people with protected characteristics. EIAs have already been completed for the major proposals and will be done for smaller projects – where the impact is negative, mitigating actions have been highlighted in the EIAs.

If you have decided on **Outcome 3**, then please tell us here the justification for continuing with the policy. You also need to make sure that there are actions in the Equality Action Plan to lessen the effect of the negative impact. This is really important and may face a legal challenge in the future.

If you have decided on **Outcome 4** then if the proposal continues, without any mitigating actions, it may be likely that we will face a legal challenge and possibly a Judicial Review on the process - it is really important that the equality impact assessment is done thoroughly, as this is what the Judge will consider.

#### **Step 4 – equality action plan – setting targets and monitoring**

**8 Fill in this table with the equality actions you have come up with during the assessment. Indicate how you plan to monitor the equality impact of the proposals, once they have been implemented.**

## Equality Action Plan –setting targets and monitoring

### Age

<b>What are we going to do to advance equality</b>	<b>What difference will it make</b>	<b>When will we do it and who will lead</b>	<b>Monitoring arrangements</b>
The individual EIAs include equality actions where mitigation is needed			

### Disability

<b>What are we going to do to advance equality</b>	<b>What difference will it make</b>	<b>When will we do it and who will lead</b>	<b>Monitoring arrangements</b>
The individual EIAs include equality actions where mitigation is needed			

### Gender identity - trans

<b>What are we going to do to advance equality</b>	<b>What difference will it make</b>	<b>When will we do it and who will lead</b>	<b>Monitoring arrangements</b>
The individual EIAs include equality actions where mitigation is needed			

### Marriage and Civil Partnership

<b>What are we going to do to advance equality</b>	<b>What difference will it make</b>	<b>When will we do it and who will lead</b>	<b>Monitoring arrangements</b>
The individual EIAs include equality actions where mitigation is needed			

## Pregnancy and maternity

<b>What are we going to do to advance equality</b>	<b>What difference will it make</b>	<b>When will we do it and who will lead</b>	<b>Monitoring arrangements</b>
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## Race

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The individual EIAs include equality actions where mitigation is needed			

## Religion or belief or none

<b>What are we going to do to advance equality</b>	<b>What difference will it make</b>	<b>When will we do it and who will lead</b>	<b>Monitoring arrangements</b>
The individual EIAs include equality actions where mitigation is needed			

## Sex

<b>What are we going to do to advance equality</b>	<b>What difference will it make</b>	<b>When will we do it and who will lead</b>	<b>Monitoring arrangements</b>
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## Sexual orientation

<b>What are we going to do to advance equality</b>	<b>What difference will it make</b>	<b>When will we do it and who will lead</b>	<b>Monitoring arrangements</b>
The individual EIAs include equality actions where mitigation is needed			

We can give you this information in any other way, style or language that will help you access it. Please contact us on: 01332 643722  
Minicom: 01332 640666

### Polish

Aby ułatwić Państwu dostęp do tych informacji, możemy je Państwu przekazać w innym formacie, stylu lub języku.

Prosimy o kontakt: **01332 643722** Tel. tekstowy: 01332 640666

### Punjabi

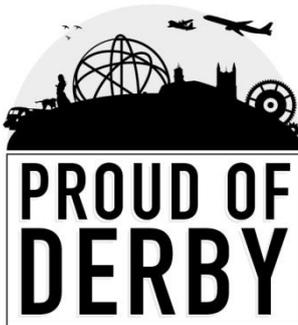
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### Slovakian

Túto informáciu vám môžeme poskytnúť iným spôsobom, štýlom alebo v inom jazyku, ktorý vám pomôže k jej sprístupneniu. Skontaktujte nás prosím na tel.č: 01332 643722 Minicom 01332 640666

### Urdu

یہ معلومات ہم آپ کو کسی دیگر ایسے طریقے، انداز اور زبان میں مہیا کر سکتے ہیں جو اس تک رسائی میں آپ کی مدد کرے۔ براہ کرم **01332 643722** پر ہم سے رابطہ کریں۔



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