

Equality Impact Assessment – Stage One

We need to ensure that our strategies, policies, functions and services, current and proposed have given due regard to equality and diversity as set out in the Public Sector Equality Duty (Section 149 of the Equality Act), which states:

- “(1) A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:***
- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;***
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; This includes the need to:***
 - (i) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;***
 - (ii) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;***
 - (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it, with due regard, in particular, to the need to be aware that compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.***
- (2) The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.***
- (3) Compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.”***

The following list of questions may help to establish whether the decision is relevant to equality:

- Does the decision affect service users, employees or the wider community?
- (The relevance of a decision to equality depends not just on the number of those affected but on the significance of the impact on them)
- Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?
- Is it a major policy, or a major change to an existing policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?
- Will the decision have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?
- Does the decision relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?
- Does the decision relate to an area with known inequalities?
- Does the decision relate to any equality objectives that have been set by the council?

Please complete the following questions to determine whether a full Stage Two, Equality Impact Assessment is required.

What is the proposed decision that you are asking the Committee to make:	To approve the Public Protection Partnership Strategic Assessment and Control Strategy
Summary of relevant legislation:	All legislation listed under the schedule to the Inter Authority Agreement
Does the proposed decision conflict with any of the Council's key strategy priorities?	No
Name of assessor:	Peter Northey
Date of assessment:	09.03.2018

Is this a:		Is this:	
Policy	No	New or proposed	
Strategy	Yes	Already exists and is being reviewed	New
Function	Yes	Is changing	No
Service	Yes		

1. What are the main aims, objectives and intended outcomes of the proposed decision and who is likely to benefit from it?	
Aims:	To protect and support residents and legitimate business through the successful use of information and intelligence, delivering safe and healthy neighbourhoods
Objectives:	To target the PPP resources at the areas of activity that are causing the greatest community detriment, be that financial, health or general wellbeing, to achieve better outcomes for those being disadvantaged.
Outcomes:	Protecting the more vulnerable members of our communities. Empowering communities to tackle issues that cause them concern. Reducing the regulatory burden on legitimate businesses
Benefits:	Improved health and wellbeing for communities while providing an environment where legitimate business can flourish.

2. Note which groups may be affected by the proposed decision. Consider how they may be affected, whether it is positively or negatively and what sources of information have been used to determine this.

(Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex and Sexual Orientation.)

Group Affected	What might be the effect?	Information to support this
Age	Those targeted by criminal activity due to their age will receive greater support from the PPP than others in the community: positive impact	Door step crime and mass mailing fraud are known to target older members of society
Disability	none	
Gender Reassignment	none	
Marriage and Civil Partnership	none	
Pregnancy and Maternity	none	
Race	Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) are known to form amongst persons of similar ethnicity	Door step crime is an identified issue amongst the travelling community
Religion or Belief	none	
Sex	none	
Sexual Orientation	none	

Further Comments relating to the item:

It is acknowledge that targeting of unlawful activity may result in financial or custodial penalties against the perpetrators. While this may be an adverse impact on them, it provides the inverse for both the victim and the wider community.

The individual activities which form the Control Strategy may require Impact Assessments in their own rights and will be assessed on a project basis within the initial project plan.

3. Result

Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could contribute to inequality?	No
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Please provide an explanation for your answer:

OCGs will be targeted because of identified criminal activity, not ethnicity

Will the proposed decision have an adverse impact upon the lives of	No
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people, including employees and service users?	
Please provide an explanation for your answer:	

If your answers to question 2 have identified potential adverse impacts and you have answered 'yes' to either of the sections at question 3, or you are unsure about the impact, then you should carry out a Stage Two Equality Impact Assessment.

If a Stage Two Equality Impact Assessment is required, before proceeding you should discuss the scope of the Assessment with service managers in your area. You will also need to refer to the [Equality Impact Assessment guidance and Stage Two template](#).

4. Identify next steps as appropriate:	
Stage Two required	No (see note above concerning individual activities and the need for further assessment)
Owner of Stage Two assessment:	
Timescale for Stage Two assessment:	

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Date: 09/03/2018

Please now forward this completed form to Rachel Craggs, Principal Policy Officer (Equality and Diversity) (rachel.craggs@westberks.gov.uk), for publication on the WBC website.

