

## 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.

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| <b>What is the proposed decision that you are asking the Committee to make:</b> | To approve the Public Protection Partnership Food and Feed Plans |
| <b>Summary of relevant legislation:</b>   | Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013               |

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|   | Food Safety Act 1990<br>Agriculture Act 1970<br>European Communities Act 1972 and various orders and regulations made thereunder. |
| <b>Does the proposed decision conflict with any of the Council's key strategy priorities?</b> | No  |
| <b>Name of assessor:</b>  | Sean Murphy   |
| <b>Date of assessment:</b>  | 10 5 2018   |

| Is this a: |     | Is this:                             |     |
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| Policy     | No  | New or proposed                      |     |
| Strategy   | Yes | Already exists and is being reviewed | Yes |
| 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? |  |
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| <b>Aims:</b>   | To agree and the priorities of the Partnership in relation to its statutory food and animal feed control duties  |
| <b>Objectives:</b>   | To ensure that the functions are delivered in a way that meets the requirements of the law and in so doing protects and promotes health of people and farm animals |
| <b>Outcomes:</b>   | Well-regulated food businesses and the provision of informed choice  |
| <b>Benefits:</b>   | The protection of health of humans and animals and scope for better health choices as well as fair competition between businesses.                                 |

| 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. |                           |                             |
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| (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  | None                      |                             |
| Disability   | None                      |                             |
| Gender Reassignment  | None                      |                             |
| Marriage and Civil Partnership   | none                      |                             |

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| Pregnancy and Maternity   | None |   |
| Race  | Yes  | Food businesses are operated by a range of operators some of whom do not have English as a first language. Advice and guidance is maintained and provided in a variety of languages to meet the needs of local operators. |
| Religion or Belief  | None |   |
| Sex   | None |   |
| Sexual Orientation  | None |   |
| <b>Further Comments relating to the item:</b>   |      |   |
| The proposal is for the relocation of staff by co-locating with BL services within the Public Estate and as such is compliant with current accessibility requirements |      |   |

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| <b>3. Result</b>   |           |
| <b>Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could contribute to inequality?</b> | <b>No</b> |
| <b>Please provide an explanation for your answer: The premises are accessibility compliant</b>   |           |
| <b>Will the proposed decision have an adverse impact upon the lives of people, including employees and service users?</b>              | <b>no</b> |
| <b>Please provide an explanation for your answer:</b>  |           |

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](#).

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| <b>4. Identify next steps as appropriate:</b> |    |
| <b>Stage Two required</b>                     | No |
| <b>Owner of Stage Two assessment:</b>         |    |
| <b>Timescale for Stage Two assessment:</b>    |    |

Name: Sean Murphy

Date:

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

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