

Appendix C

Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) - 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 2010), 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 (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):

- Does the decision affect service users, employees or the wider community?
- 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 Schools' Forum to make:	Approve the revised Scheme for Financing Schools to go out to consultation and be approved afterwards.
Name of Service/Directorate:	Finance and Property/Resources
Name of assessor:	Melanie Ellis
Date of assessment:	28.9.21

Is this a ?		Is this policy, strategy, function or service ... ?	
Policy	Yes ☒ No ☐	New or proposed	Yes ☐ No ☒
Strategy	Yes ☐ No ☒	Already exists and is being reviewed	Yes ☒ No ☐
Function	Yes ☐ No ☒	Is changing	Yes ☐ No ☒
Service	Yes ☐ No ☒		

(1) What are the main aims, objectives and intended outcomes of the proposed decision and who is likely to benefit from it?	
Aims:	To update the scheme
Objectives:	To comply with Government guidance
Outcomes:	
Benefits:	To comply with Government guidance

(2) Which groups might be affected and how? Is it positively or negatively and what sources of information have been used to determine this? <i>(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)</i>			
Group Affected	Potential Positive Impacts	Potential Negative Impacts	Evidence
Age	none	none	
Disability	none	none	
Gender Reassignment	none	none	
Marriage and Civil	none	none	

Partnership			
Pregnancy and Maternity	none	none	
Race	none	none	
Religion or Belief	none	none	
Sex	none	none	
Sexual Orientation	none	none	
Further Comments:			

(3) Result	
Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could contribute to inequality?	Yes ☐ No ☒
Please provide an explanation for your answer: following government guidance on financial rules for schools	
Will the proposed decision have an adverse impact upon the lives of people, including employees and service users?	Yes ☐ No ☒
Please provide an explanation for your answer: is a financial policy	

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 EqIA 2.

If an EqIA 2 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 EqIA guidance and template – <http://intranet/index.aspx?articleid=32255>.

(4) Identify next steps as appropriate:	
EqIA Stage 2 required	Yes ☐ No ☒
Owner of EqIA Stage Two:	
Timescale for EqIA Stage Two:	

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