



**Pre-Screening Equality Impact
Assessment**

Name of policy/service/function		Draft Homelessness Strategy				
Is this a new or existing policy/ service/function?		New strategy for an existing service				
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened. Please state if this policy/service rigidly constrained by statutory obligations		The Homelessness Strategy must respond to local needs and by statute, Government Guidance and case law. Specifically Housing Act 1996 as amended by Homelessness Act 2002, Homelessness Code of Guidance 2006, Localism Act 2011, Welfare Reform Act 2012				
Question		Answer				
<p>1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups according to their different protected characteristic, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service?</p> <p>Please tick the relevant box for each group.</p> <p>NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.</p>			Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
		Age			X	
		Disability			X	
		Gender			X	
		Gender Re-assignment			X	
		Marriage/civil partnership			X	
		Pregnancy & maternity			X	
		Race			X	
		Religion or belief			X	
		Sexual orientation			X	
		Other (eg low income)			X*	
Question		Answer	Comments			
<p>2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?</p>		No	<p>No groups have been identified as being disadvantaged by the report. However, statutory homelessness operates within a legal framework which identifies 'priority need' groups so specific communities such as households with children are over-represented in homelessness acceptances</p> <p>In relation to low income groups the report specifically recognizes affordability issues to mitigate risk</p>			
<p>3. Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?</p>		No	But see above			
<p>4. Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?</p>		No				
<p>5. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions? If yes, please agree actions with a member of the Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section</p>		N/A	Actions:			
			Actions agreed by EWG member:			
Assessment completed by:						
Name						
Job title		Date				

Please Note: If there are any positive or negative impacts identified in question 1, or there any 'yes' responses to questions 2 – 4 a full impact assessment will be required.