

Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) Template

In order to carry out this assessment, it is important that you have completed the EqIA E-learning Module and read the Corporate Guidelines on EqIAs. Please refer to these to assist you in completing this assessment.

It will also help you to look at the EqIA Template with Guidance Notes to assist you in completing the EqIA.

Type of Project / Proposal:		Tick ✓	Type of Decision:		Tick ✓
Transformation			Cabinet		✓
Capital			Portfolio Holder		
Service Plan		✓	Corporate Strategic Board		
Other	In year cost savings		Other	Full Council	✓
Title of Project:		Corporate Plan			
Directorate / Service responsible:		Resources, Strategic Commissioning			
Name and job title of lead officer:		Alex Dewsnap			
Name & contact details of the other persons involved in the assessment:		Rachel Gapp			
Date of assessment:		January 2015			

Stage 1: Overview

<p>1. What are you trying to do?</p> <p>(Explain proposals e.g. introduction of a new service or policy, policy review, changing criteria, reduction / removal of service, restructure, deletion of posts etc)</p>	<p>In May 2014, a new Labour administration took control of the Council, and agreed at Council on the 12th June a new vision and set of priorities:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Vision: <i>Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Priorities:</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><i>Making a difference for the vulnerable</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><i>Making a difference for communities</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><i>Making a difference for local businesses</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"><i>Making a difference for families</i></p> <p>The Plan sets out the Administration's ambition for the borough and the projects and initiatives the Council will prioritise over the next three years to deliver on the</p>
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	<p>vision, priorities and outcomes. The delivery Plan and measures have also been updated to reflect the projects and initiatives that the council will prioritise over the next 4 years.</p> <p>This EQIA accompanies the new Corporate Plan, which is drawn from the approved versions of the Corporate Plan in July 2014, February 2013 (The agreed Corporate Plan covered two years including 2014/15) and February 2014.</p> <p>The Corporate Plan will be delivered within the same cost envelope as the approved MTFS in February 2015. Given the approved budget, there are no new savings proposals being put forward as part of this Plan. There are therefore no equality implications from the perspective of additional savings.</p> <p>From the perspective of the activity which is set out within the Plan they are all supporting the Corporate Priorities which encompass all protected characteristics. Therefore there are no direct adverse implications from the delivery plan. However, for some of the substantial areas where work is to start on developing business cases or on new ways of delivery, officers will need to carry out initial EQIAs to ensure that any indirect implications are appropriately managed and mitigated against.</p>					
<p>2. Who are the main people / Protected Characteristics that may be affected by your proposals? (✓ all that apply)</p>	Residents / Service Users	x	Partners	x	Stakeholders	x
	Staff	x	Age	x	Disability	x
	Gender Reassignment	x	Marriage and Civil Partnership	x	Pregnancy and Maternity	x
	Race	x	Religion or Belief	x	Sex	x
	Sexual Orientation	x	Other			
<p>3. Is the responsibility shared with another directorate, authority or organisation? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who are the partners? • Who has the overall responsibility? • How have they been involved in the assessment? 	<p>Some of the activities proposed in the Corporate Plan are delivered in partnership with statutory partners like the health service, e.g. related activity to deliver health and social care services to adults. For activity involving partners which is new within the Corporate Plan EQIAs will be completed where appropriate to do so.</p>					

Stage 2: Evidence / Data Collation

4. What evidence / data have you reviewed to assess the potential impact of your proposals? Include the actual data, statistics reviewed in the section below. This can include census data, borough profile, profile of service users, workforce profiles, results from consultations and the involvement tracker, customer satisfaction surveys, focus groups, research interviews, staff surveys; complaints etc. Where possible include data on the nine Protected Characteristics.

(Where you have gaps (data is not available/being collated), you may need to include this as an action to address in your Improvement Action Plan at Stage 7)

The following table has been taken from the Harrow Annual Equality in Employment Monitoring Report 2012/13, the 2011 census. It shows the known make up of staff working for Harrow Council and residents in Harrow.

		Whole Council Workforce 5,125 employees	Harrow Community Data 2011 Census
Ethnicity	BAME	36.08%	57.75%
	White	52.08%	42.25%
	Unknown	11.84%	0.00%
Sex	Male	22.36%	49.40%
	Female	77.64%	50.60%
Disability	Yes	1.81%	16.40%
	No	93.66%	83.60%
	Unknown	4.53%	0.00%
Age	16 to 24	3.34%	11.70%
	25 to 34	17.39%	30.40%
	35 to 44	22.67%	
	45 to 54	32.76%	23.60%
	55 to 64	21.15%	
	65+	2.69%	14.10%
Unknown	0.00%	0.00%	

Religion or Belief	Christianity	11.00%	37.30%
	Hinduism	4.12%	25.30%
	Islam	1.44%	12.50%
	Judaism	0.57%	4.40%
	Jainism	0.51%	No category
	Sikh	0.39%	1.20%
	Buddhism	0.20%	1.10%
	Zoroastrian	0.02%	No category
	Other	0.86%	2.50%
	No Religion/Atheist	2.09%	9.60%
	Unknown	78.81%	6.20%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual	15.92%	No category
	Gay Woman/ Lesbian	0.06%	
	Gay Man	0.08%	
	Bi-sexual	0.14%	
	Prefer not to say	1.07%	
	Other	0.04%	
	Unknown	82.69%	
Pregnancy/ maternity in last 2 years?	Yes	4.02%	No category
	No	95.98%	
Same gender assigned at birth?	Yes	95.47%	No category
	No	0.00%	
	Unknown	4.53%	

Age (including carers of young/older people)	For activity which is new within the Corporate Plan which has a potential impact on this group an Initial EQIA will be completed where appropriate to do so.
Disability (including carers of disabled people)	For activity which is new within the Corporate Plan which has a potential impact on this group an Initial EQIA will be completed where appropriate to do so.
Gender Reassignment	For activity which is new within the Corporate Plan which has a potential impact on this group an Initial EQIA will be completed where appropriate to do so.
Marriage / Civil Partnership	For activity which is new within the Corporate Plan which has a potential impact on this group an Initial EQIA will be completed where appropriate to do so.
Pregnancy and Maternity	For activity which is new within the Corporate Plan which has a potential impact on this group an Initial EQIA will be completed where appropriate to do so.
Race	For activity which is new within the Corporate Plan which has a potential impact on this group an Initial EQIA will be completed where appropriate to do so.
Religion and Belief	For activity which is new within the Corporate Plan which has a potential impact on this group an Initial EQIA will be completed where appropriate to do so.
Sex / Gender	For activity which is new within the Corporate Plan which has a potential impact on this group an Initial EQIA will be completed where appropriate to do so.
Sexual Orientation	For activity which is new within the Corporate Plan which has a potential impact on this group an Initial EQIA will be completed where appropriate to do so.

5. What consultation have you undertaken on your proposals?

Who was consulted?	What consultation methods were used?	What do the results show about the impact on different groups / Protected Characteristics?	What actions have you taken to address the findings of the consultation? (This may include further consultation with the affected groups, revising
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			your proposals).
<p>The delivery plan is updated from the Plan agreed at July 2014 Council. Where there are similar projects and activities being delivered, the relevant consultation will have either been undertaken before these were put forward to be incorporated in the Plan, or will have consultation as part of their next steps towards delivery.</p> <p>Where there are new elements in the plan, these are based on the Labour Party Manifesto, which has been developed in consultation with Harrow residents. Where necessary, further consultation will be undertaken with residents and communities to shape the delivery of these proposals, in keeping with the ambition of the Administration to consult and engage.</p>	<p>There were a range of consultation methods used in developing the proposals for the previous Plan, including surveys, user groups and stakeholder meetings.</p> <p>For the additional areas, consultation was undertaken with community groups, including women's groups, Trades unions and businesses.</p>	<p>Given the Delivery Plan has within it projects which are either about the creation of efficiencies (i.e. no impact on outcome but reduction in resource investment) or activities which will enhance quality of life there is no disproportionate impact of different groups.</p>	<p>No equalities issues identified</p>
<p>6. What other (local, regional, national research, reports, media) data sources that you have used to inform this assessment?</p> <p>List the Title of reports / documents and websites here.</p>	<p>N/A</p>		

Stage 3: Assessing Potential Disproportionate Impact

7. Based on the evidence you have considered so far, is there a risk that your proposals could potentially have a disproportionate adverse impact on any of the Protected Characteristics?

	Age (including carers)	Disability (including carers)	Gender Reassignment	Marriage and Civil Partnership	Pregnancy and Maternity	Race	Religion and Belief	Sex	Sexual Orientation
Yes									
No	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

YES - If there is a risk of disproportionate adverse Impact on any **ONE** of the Protected Characteristics, continue with the rest of the template.

- **Best Practice:** You may want to consider setting up a Working Group (including colleagues, partners, stakeholders, voluntary community sector organisations, service users and Unions) to develop the rest of the EqIA
- It will be useful to also collate further evidence (additional data, consultation with the relevant communities, stakeholder groups and service users directly affected by your proposals) to further assess the potential disproportionate impact identified and how this can be mitigated.

NO - If you have ticked 'No' to all of the above, then go to **Stage 6**

- Although the assessment may not have identified potential disproportionate impact, you may have identified actions which can be taken to advance equality of opportunity to make your proposals more inclusive. These actions should form your Improvement Action Plan at Stage 7

Stage 4: Collating Additional data / Evidence

8. What additional data / evidence have you considered in relation to your proposals as a result of the analysis at Stage 3?

(include this evidence, including any data, statistics, titles of documents and website links here)

9. What further consultation have you undertaken on your proposals as a result of your analysis at Stage 3?

Who was consulted?	What consultation methods were used?	What do the results show about the impact on different groups / Protected Characteristics?	What actions have you taken to address the findings of the consultation? (This may include further consultation with the affected groups, revising

			your proposals).

Stage 5: Assessing Impact and Analysis

10. What does your evidence tell you about the impact on different groups? Consider whether the evidence shows potential for differential impact, if so state whether this is an adverse or positive impact? How likely is this to happen? How you will mitigate/remove any adverse impact?

Protected Characteristic	Adverse ✓	Positive ✓	Explain what this impact is, how likely it is to happen and the extent of impact if it was to occur. Note – Positive impact can also be used to demonstrate how your proposals meet the aims of the PSED Stage 9	What measures can you take to mitigate the impact or advance equality of opportunity? E.g. further consultation, research, implement equality monitoring etc (Also Include these in the Improvement Action Plan at Stage 7)
Age (including carers of young/older people)				
Disability (including carers of disabled people)				
Gender				

Reassignment				
Marriage and Civil Partnership				
Pregnancy and Maternity				
Race				
Religion or Belief				
Sex				
Sexual orientation				
11. Cumulative Impact – Considering what else is happening within the Council and Harrow as a whole, could your proposals have a cumulative impact on a particular Protected Characteristic? If yes, which Protected Characteristics could be affected and what is the potential impact?	Yes		No impact	

11a. Any Other Impact – Considering what else is happening within the Council and Harrow as a whole (for example national/local policy, austerity, welfare reform, unemployment levels, community tensions, levels of crime) could your proposals have an impact on individuals/service users socio economic, health or an impact on community cohesion? If yes, what is the potential impact and how likely is to happen?	Yes		No	

12. Is there any evidence or concern that the potential adverse impact identified may result in a Protected Characteristic being disadvantaged? (Please refer to the Corporate Guidelines for guidance on the definitions of discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other prohibited conduct under the Equality Act) available on Harrow HUB/Equalities and Diversity/Policies and Legislation

	Age (including carers)	Disability (including carers)	Gender Reassignment	Marriage and Civil Partnership	Pregnancy and Maternity	Race	Religion and Belief	Sex	Sexual Orientation
Yes									
No									

If you have answered "yes" to any of the above, set out what justification there may be for this in Q12a below - link this to the aims of the proposal and whether the disadvantage is proportionate to the need to meet these aims. (You are encouraged to seek legal advice, if you are concerned that the proposal may breach the equality legislation or you are unsure whether there is objective justification for the proposal)

If the analysis shows the potential for serious adverse impact or disadvantage (or potential discrimination) but you have identified a potential justification for this, this information must be presented to the decision maker for a final decision to be made on whether the disadvantage is proportionate to achieve the aims of the proposal.

- If there are adverse effects that are not justified and cannot be mitigated, you should not proceed with the proposal. **(select outcome 4)**
- If the analysis shows unlawful conduct under the equalities legislation, you should not proceed with the proposal. **(select outcome 4)**

Stage 6: Decision

13. Please indicate which of the following statements best describes the outcome of your EqIA (✓ tick one box only)

Outcome 1 – No change required: the EqIA has not identified any potential for unlawful conduct or disproportionate impact and all opportunities to advance equality are being addressed.	X
Outcome 2 – Minor adjustments to remove / mitigate adverse impact or advance equality have been identified by the EqIA. <i>List the actions you propose to take to address this in the Improvement Action Plan at Stage 7</i>	
Outcome 3 – Continue with proposals despite having identified potential for adverse impact or missed opportunities to advance equality. In this case, the justification needs to be included in the EqIA and should be in line with the PSED to have 'due regard'. In some cases, compelling reasons will be needed. You should also consider whether there are sufficient plans to reduce the adverse	

impact and/or plans to monitor the impact. (Explain this in 13a below)	
Outcome 4 – Stop and rethink: when there is potential for serious adverse impact or disadvantage to one or more protected groups. (You are encouraged to seek Legal Advice about the potential for unlawful conduct under equalities legislation)	
13a. If your EqIA is assessed as outcome 3 or you have ticked 'yes' in Q12 , explain your justification with full reasoning to continue with your proposals.	

Stage 7: Improvement Action Plan

14. List below any actions you plan to take as a result of this Impact Assessment. This should include any actions identified throughout the EqIA.

Area of potential adverse impact e.g. Race, Disability	Action required to mitigate	How will you know this is achieved? E.g. Performance Measure / Target	Target Date	Lead Officer	Date Action included in Service / Team Plan
All	Ensure that where appropriate key initiatives set out within the Delivery Plan of the Corporate Plan have initial Equality Impact Assessments undertaken.	Documentation completed in accordance Council policy	Before the end of 2015/16	Rachel Gapp, (Head of Policy)	
All	The Council's Strategic Performance Report includes monitoring of the Council's key deliverables, including the delivery plan of the Corporate Plan. This is reviewed by Cabinet quarterly and also includes progress against the Council's agreed Equality Objectives.	Quarterly performance monitored through CSB and Cabinet	To fit with Quarterly performance cycle	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director, Strategic Commissioning	

Stage 8 - Monitoring

The full impact of the proposals may only be known after they have been implemented. It is therefore important to ensure effective monitoring measures are in place to assess the impact.

15. How will you monitor the impact of the proposals once they have	The Council's Strategic Performance Report includes monitoring of the
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been implemented? What monitoring measures need to be introduced to ensure effective monitoring of your proposals? How often will you do this? <i>(Also Include in Improvement Action Plan at Stage 7)</i>	Council's key deliverables, including the delivery plan of the Corporate Plan. This is reviewed by Cabinet quarterly and also includes progress against the Council's agreed Equality Objectives.
16. How will the results of any monitoring be analysed, reported and publicised? <i>(Also Include in Improvement Action Plan at Stage 7)</i>	As above, through the Strategic Performance Report
17. Have you received any complaints or compliments about the proposals being assessed? If so, provide details.	No

Stage 9: Public Sector Equality Duty

18. How do your proposals contribute towards the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which requires the Council to have due regard to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different groups.

(Include all the positive actions of your proposals, for example literature will be available in large print, Braille and community languages, flexible working hours for parents/carers, IT equipment will be DDA compliant etc)

Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010	Advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups	Foster good relations between people from different groups
The Priorities agreed by Council encompass all the Protected characteristics, and the Delivery Plan if effectively delivered, will support the Council in eliminating discrimination, harassment and victimisation.	The Priorities agreed by Council encompass all the Protected characteristics, and the Delivery Plan if effectively delivered, will support the advancement of equality of opportunity.	The Priorities agreed by Council encompass all the Protected characteristics, and the Delivery Plan if effectively delivered, will support the fostering of good relations between different groups.

Stage 10 - Organisational sign Off (to be completed by Chair of Departmental Equalities Task Group)

The completed EqIA needs to be sent to the chair of your Departmental Equalities Task Group (DETG) to be signed off.

19. Which group or committee considered, reviewed and agreed the EqIA and the Improvement Action Plan?	None at this stage		
Signed: (Lead officer completing EqIA)	Rachel Gapp	Signed: (Chair of DETG)	Alex Dewsnap

Date:	13/01/15	Date:	13/01/15
Date EqIA presented at the EqIA Quality Assurance Group	19/01/15	Signature of ETG Chair	