**Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) November 2018**



**You will need to produce an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) if:**

* You are developing a new policy, strategy, or service
* You are making changes that will affect front-line services
* You are reducing budgets, which may affect front-line services
* You are changing the way services are funded and this may impact the quality of the service and who can access it
* You are making a decision that could have a different impact on different groups of people
* You are making staff redundant or changing their roles

Guidance notes on how to complete an EqIA and sign off process are available on the Hub under Equality and Diversity.

You must read the [guidance notes](https://harrowhub.harrow.gov.uk/downloads/file/9302/eqia_guidance_notes) and ensure you have followed all stages of the EqIA approval process (outlined in appendix 1).

Section 2 of the template requires you to undertake an assessment of the impact of your proposals on groups with protected characteristics. Equalities and borough profile data, as well as other sources of statistical information can be found on the Harrow hub, within the section entitled: [Equality Impact Assessment](https://harrowhub.harrow.gov.uk/info/200341/equality_impact_assessments/1604/data_guide_-_inequality_impact_assessment) - sources of statistical information.

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| **Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)** | | |
| **Type of Decision**: |  | |
| **Title of Proposal** | Fuel Card Services | **Date EqIA created** 03 Aug 2021 |
| **Name and job title of completing/lead Officer** | Anita Cacchioli | |
| **Directorate/ Service responsible** | Community | |
| **Organisational approval** | | |
| **EqIA approved by Directorate Equalities Champion** | **Name** | **Signature**    **Tick this box to indicate that you have approved this EqIA**  **Date of approval** |

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| 1. **Summary of proposal, impact on groups with protected characteristics and mitigating actions**   (to be completed **after** you have completed sections 2 - 5) |
| 1. **What is your proposal?**   **To re-procure the Fuel Card Services Contract – no change to current arrangements and no alternative delivery options.** |
| 1. **Summarise the impact of your proposal on groups with protected characteristics**   **No Impact.** |
| 1. **Summarise any potential negative impact(s) identified and mitigating actions**   **None** |

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| **2. Assessing impact** | |  | | | |
| You are required to undertake a detailed analysis of the impact of your proposals on groups with protected characteristics. You should refer to [borough profile data](https://harrowhub.harrow.gov.uk/info/200341/equality_impact_assessments/1604/data_guide_-_inequality_impact_assessment), [equalities data](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/200251/community_and_living/863/equalities_data), service user information, consultation responses and any other relevant data/evidence to help you assess and explain what impact (if any) your proposal(s) will have on **each** group. Where there are gaps in data, you should state this in the boxes below and what action (if any), you will take to address this in the future. | | What does the evidence tell you about the impact your proposal may have on groups with protected characteristics? Click the relevant box to indicate whether your proposal will have a positive impact, negative (minor, major), or no impact | | | |
| **Protected characteristic** | For **each** protected characteristic, explain in detail what the evidence is suggesting and the impact of your proposal (if any). Click the appropriate box on the right to indicate the outcome of your analysis. | Positive impact | **Negative**  **impact** | | No impact |
| Minor | Major |
| **Age** | Harrow has a resident population of 251,160[[1]](#footnote-1). It has an above average working age population aged 16-64 of just under 63% (158,000) and a growing younger population aged 0-15, which is higher than the London average, suggesting that the borough is a popular destination for families.  This procurement exercise will not have an impact among this protected characteristic. |  |  |  |  |
| **Disability** | ONS data for 2016-2018 shows that 19,208, (12.2%) of Harrow’s working age population have a disability  This procurement exercise will not have an impact among this protected characteristic |  |  |  |  |
| **Gender**  **reassignment** | There is limited national data collected for this characteristic. We will need to consider the inequalities and discrimination experienced for this protected group when data becomes available.  This procurement exercise will not have an impact among this protected characteristic |  |  |  |  |
| **Marriage and Civil Partnership** | At the time of the 2011 Census 54% of Harrow's residents were married, which was the highest level in London. 21% of households were married, or in same-sex civil partnerships, with dependent children, the highest level in London. At October 2020 there have been 144 Same Gender Civil Partnerships in Harrow, 25 of which has been converted to a Marriage. There have been 8 Opposite Gender Civil Partnerships. There have been 57 Same Sex marriages.  This tender exercise will not have an impact among this group. |  |  |  |  |
| **Pregnancy and Maternity** | ONS births figures show Harrow as having 3,526 live births in 2019. 14 live births per 1000 population is higher than the England & Wales average of 10.8  This tender exercise will not have an impact among this group. |  |  |  |  |
| **Race/**  **Ethnicity** | Harrow is one of the most culturally diverse local authorities in the UK, with over 60% of residents from Black, Asian, and Multi-Ethnic backgrounds and an estimated 20% Eastern European community, which is fast growing. Black African (notably the Somali Community) groups have been fast growing over the last 6 years or so, as has the Afghan community.  This procurement exercise will not have an impact among this protected characteristic |  |  |  |  |
| **Religion or belief** | Religious diversity is strong in Harrow. At the 2011 Census Harrow was the most religiously diverse borough in the country. Harrow had the highest number (and proportion) of Hindu followers in the country (25.3%), the highest number of Jains (2.2%) and the second highest number of Zoroastrians. Harrow 's Jewish community was the sixth largest nationally. 37.3% of residents were Christians (the 5th lowest proportion in the country) and 12.5% were Muslims. Harrow had the 2nd lowest ranking for ‘no religion’.  This procurement exercise will not have an impact among this protected characteristic |  |  |  |  |
| **Sex** | The Government’s population estimates as of mid-2019 show that the total population of Harrow is now 251,200, made up of 125,800 men and 125,400 women. Overall, the number of males and females living in Harrow is very similar.  This procurement exercise will not have an impact among this protected characteristic |  |  |  |  |
| **Sexual Orientation** | The Office for National Statistics estimated in 2014, 2.6% of Londoners identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual, the highest of any UK region[[2]](#footnote-2). There is no official data on sexual orientation for Harrow in relation to employment.  This procurement exercise will not have an impact among this protected characteristic |  |  |  |  |
| **2.1** **Cumulative impact – considering what else is happening within the Council and Harrow as a whole, could your proposals have a cumulative impact on groups with protected characteristics?**  **Yes No** | | | | | |
| If you clicked the Yes box, which groups with protected characteristics could be affected and what is the potential impact? Include details in the space below | | | | | |
| **2.2 Any other impact - considering what else is happening nationally/locally (national/local/regional policies, socio-economic factors etc), could your proposals have an impact on individuals/service users, or other groups?**  **Yes No** | | | | | |
| If you clicked the Yes box, Include details in the space below | | | | | |

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| **3. Actions to mitigate/remove negative impact** | | | | |
| **Only complete this section if your assessment (in section 2) suggests that your proposals may have a negative impact on groups with protected characteristics. If you have not identified any negative impacts, please complete sections 4 and 5.**  In the table below, please state what these potential negative impact (s) are, mitigating actions and steps taken to ensure that these measures will address and remove any negative impacts identified and by when. Please also state how you will monitor the impact of your proposal once implemented. | | | | |
| State what the negative impact(s) are for **each** group, identified in section 2. In addition, you should also consider and state potential risks associated with your proposal. | Measures to mitigate negative impact (provide details, including details of and additional consultation undertaken/to be carried out in the future). If you are unable to identify measures to mitigate impact, please state so and provide a brief explanation. | What action (s) will you take to assess whether these measures have addressed and removed any negative impacts identified in your analysis? Please provide details. If you have previously stated that you are unable to identify measures to mitigate impact please state below. | Deadline date | Lead Officer |
| None |  |  |  |  |
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| **4. Public Sector Equality Duty**  How does your proposal meet the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) to:   1. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010 2. Advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups   3. Foster good relations between people from different groups |
| **Include details in the space below** |

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| **5. Outcome of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) click the box that applies** |
| **Outcome 1**  **No change required: the EqIA has not identified any potential for unlawful conduct or disproportionate impact and all opportunities to advance equality of opportunity are being addressed** |
| **Outcome 2**  **Adjustments to remove/mitigate negative impacts identified by the assessment, or to better advance equality, as stated in section 3&4** |
| **Outcome 3**  **This EqIA has identified discrimination and/ or missed opportunities to advance equality and/or foster good relations. However, it is still reasonable to continue with the activity. Outline the reasons for this and the information used to reach this decision in the space below.** |
| Include details here |

1. Nomis 2019 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Trust for London: London’s Poverty profile 2016. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)