

## **Equal Impact Assessment (EIA)**

The Policy and Guidance; Public Sector Equality Duty and Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) document should be read prior to completing this form.

I confirm that I have read the Policy and	
Guidance; Public Sector Equality Duty and Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)	sign here
document	

Upon completion of this EIA it should be included as an appendix item for any associated reports to Management Team or formal Council meetings. The EIA should also be approved by the relevant Assistant Director.

Title of activity	Insert title here
Type of activity	Is the activity a policy, strategy, procedure, project, new or change in service, initiative or other (please specify)?
Purpose of activity	Are you changing, introducing a new, or removing a service, policy, strategy or function?
Completed by:	<i>Please include your name, job title, Service and Directorate</i>
Approved by:	<i>Please insert the name, job title, Service and Directorate of the manager responsible for the service or proposal.</i>
Date of assessment:	DD/MM/YYYY
Outcome	Pause/Revisit/Proceed (complete Action plan if areas identified have a negative impact)
Review date:	DD/MM/YYYY

Does the EIA contain any 'Confidential' or 'Exempt information' that would	
prevent its publication on the Council's website? (in accordance with the	Yes / No
Council's Constitution, Part 5, Access to Information Procedure Rules)	

# The EIA – How will the activity (strategy, policy, plan, procedure and/or service) impact on people?

#### Background/context:

- What is the scope and intended outcomes of the activity being assessed?
- What are the aims, objectives and intended outcomes?
- Who are the key stakeholders in this activity?
- What are the timescales?

\*Expand box as required

#### Overall who will be affected by the activity?

- Consider the impact as widely as possible.
- How does this activity meet the needs of the local population?
  - Residents: pay particular attention to vulnerable groups in the population who may be affected by this activity.
  - > Businesses/ manufacturing / developers / small, medium or large enterprises.
  - Employees: e.g. Council staff for an internal activity, other statutory or voluntary sector employees, local businesses and services.
- What could be done to enhance any positive impacts and, where possible, mitigate any negative impacts?

\*Expand box as required

#### **Impact on the 9 Protected Characteristics**

Please consider and note what impact your activity will have on individuals and groups, (including staff), in respect of each of the protected characteristics based on the data and information you have.

You should note whether this is a positive, neutral or negative impact by ticking the relevant box:

	Positive	Neutral	Negative
Age			
Disability			
Gender Reassignment			
Pregnancy & Maternity			
Marriage & Civil Partnership			
Race			
Religion & Belief			
Sex			
Sexual Orientation			

Evidence:

In this section you will need to document the evidence that you have used to assess the impact of your activity. It is not an acceptable defence to say we lacked evidence on a particular issue.

*Refer to Appendix 1 for suggested sources.* 

\*Expand box as required

**Impact upon any factors which determine people's health and wellbeing?** (*This relates to all people, not just in terms of the protected characteristics*)

In this section you will need to consider and note whether the proposal could have an overall impact on, or implications for, people's health and wellbeing. Refer to Appendix 2 for a tool to guide your assessment.

Some questions you may wish to consider:

- Will the activity impact on people's ability to socialise, potentially leading to social isolation?
- Will the activity affect a person's income and/or have an effect on their housing status?
- Is the activity likely to cause the recipient of a service more or less stress?
- Will any change in the service take into account different needs, such as those with learning difficulties?
- Will the activity affect the health and wellbeing of persons not directly related to the service/activity, such as carers, family members, other residents living nearby?
- How will the activity help address inequalities in health and wellbeing?
- What could be done to enhance any positive impacts and, where possible, mitigate any negative impacts?

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### Action Plan

Protected characteristic / health & wellbeing impact	Identified Negative or Positive impact	Recommended actions to mitigate Negative impact* or further promote Positive impact	Outcomes and monitoring**	Timescale	Lead officer

#### Add further rows as necessary

\* You should include details of any future consultations and any actions to be undertaken to mitigate negative impacts

\*\* Monitoring: You should state how the impact (positive or negative) will be monitored; what outcome measures will be used; the known (or likely) data source for outcome measurements; how regularly it will be monitored; and who will be monitoring it (if this is different from the lead officer)

#### Appendix 1: Suggested Sources

- Service specific data, benchmarking with other organisations, national best practice
- Population, demographic and socio-economic data. Suggested sources include:
  - o Service user monitoring data that your service collects
  - A wide range of information from the public and organisations that operate in Essex, covering a number of themes including Children and Young People, Health and Wellbeing, Crime and Community Safety (www.essexinsight.org.uk).
  - Crime map including detailed statistics <u>https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/</u>
  - o Labour market at ward level <u>https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/ward2011/contents.aspx</u>
  - o Labour market at district level <a href="https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157220/report.aspx">https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157220/report.aspx</a>
  - Various statistics at district level including ethnicity, religious beliefs, health, occupation, age (https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/census/2011/key\_statistics)
  - Various datasets information on multiple subjects, from population statistics to strategies (https://data.essex.gov.uk/)
  - Staffing Statistics report February 2021

(A3 Report Staffing Statistics February 2021 (tendringdc.gov.uk)

The above suggestions are not intended to be an exhaustive list. Note any relevant data considered, including both quantitative and qualitative data. If you consulted, identify who took part and any key findings. Make reference to or attach other document(s) if needed. If you do not have any relevant data, please provide the reason why.

#### Information on the population affected

- Routinely collected local statistics (e.g. quality of life, health status, unemployment, crime, air quality, educational attainment, transport etc.)
- Local research/ Surveys of local conditions
- Community profiles

#### Wider Evidence

- Published Research, including evidence about similar proposals implemented elsewhere (e.g. Case Studies).
- Predictions from local or national models
- Locally commissioned research by statutory/voluntary/private organisations

#### **Expert Opinion**

- Views of residents and professionals with local knowledge and insight

## **Appendix 2: Health & Wellbeing Impact Tool**

The following are a range of considerations that might help you to complete the assessment.

Lifestyle YES NO	Personal circumstances YES 🗌 NO 🗌	Access to services/facilities/amenities YES NO		
Diet	Structure and cohesion of family unit	to Employment opportunities		
Exercise and physical activity	Parenting	to Workplaces		
Smoking	Childhood development	to Housing		
Exposure to passive smoking	Life skills	to Shops (to supply basic needs)		
Alcohol intake	Personal safety	to Community facilities		
Dependency on prescription drugs	Employment status	🔲 to Public transport		
Illicit drug and substance use	Working conditions	to Education		
Risky Sexual behaviour	Level of income, including benefits	to Training and skills development		
Other health-related behaviours, such	Level of disposable income	to Healthcare		
as tooth-brushing, bathing and wound care	Housing tenure	to Social services		
	Housing conditions	🔲 to Childcare		
	Educational attainment	to Respite care		
	Skills levels including literacy and numeracy	to Leisure and recreation services and facilities		
Social Factors YES NO	Economic Factors YES NO	Environmental Factors YES NO		
Social contact	Creation of wealth	Air quality		
Social support	Distribution of wealth	🗌 Water quality		
Neighbourliness	Retention of wealth in local area/economy	Soil quality/Level of contamination/Odour		
Participation in the community	Distribution of income	Noise levels		
Membership of community groups	Business activity	Vibration		
Reputation of community/area	Job creation	Hazards		
Participation in public affairs	Availability of employment opportunities	Land use		
Level of crime and disorder	Quality of employment opportunities	Natural habitats		
Fear of crime and disorder	Availability of education opportunities	Biodiversity		
Level of antisocial behaviour	Quality of education opportunities	Landscape, including green and open spaces		
Fear of antisocial behaviour	Availability of training and skills development opportunities	Townscape, including civic areas and public realm		
Discrimination	Quality of training and skills development opportunities	Use/consumption of natural resources		
Fear of discrimination	Technological development	Energy use: CO2/other greenhouse gas emissions		
Public safety measures	Amount of traffic congestion	Solid waste management		
Road safety measures		Public transport infrastructure		