

Equality Impact Assessment/Analysis

Service Area	Development Services
Policy/Service being assessed	Supporting business and creating jobs: a discretionary business rates relief policy encouraging inward investment to Warwick District.
Is this is a new or existing policy/service? If existing policy/service please state date of last assessment	New policy
EqlA Review team – List of members	Suzee Laxton
Date of this assessment	29 May 2018
Signature of responsible officer (to be signed after the EqlA has been completed)	Dave Barber

A copy of this Equality Impact Assessment Report including relevant data and information should be saved in the Equality and Diversity Folder on the shared drive.



Form A1

INITIAL SCREENING FOR STRATEGIES/POLICIES/FUNCTIONS FOR EQUALITIES RELEVANCE TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION, PROMOTE EQUALITY AND FOSTER GOOD RELATIONS



High relevance/priority



Medium relevance/priority



Low or no relevance/ priority

Note:

1. Tick coloured boxes appropriately, and depending on degree of relevance to each of the equality strands
2. Summaries of the legislation/guidance should be used to assist this screening process

Business Unit/Services:	Relevance/Risk to Equalities																										
State the Function/Policy /Service/Strategy being assessed:	Gender			Race			Disability			Sexual Orientation			Religion/Belief			Age			Gender Reassignment			Pregnancy/ Maternity			Marriage/ Civil Partnership (only for staff)		
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Review the policy			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓			✓
Are your proposals likely to impact on social inequalities e.g. child poverty for example or our most geographically disadvantaged communities? If yes please explain how.																									NO		
Are your proposals likely to impact on a carer who looks after older people or people with disabilities? If yes please explain how.																									NO		

Form A2 – Details of Plan/ Strategy/ Service/ Policy

<u>Stage 1 – Scoping and Defining</u>	
(1) What are the aims and objectives of Plan/Strategy/Service/Policy?	<p>The policy aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentivise and increase inward investment into Warwick District • Stimulate the creation of new jobs • Provide greater socioeconomic benefit to Warwick District
(2) How does it fit with Council’s wider objectives?	<p>The offering of the policy fits within the wider policy framework of Warwick District Council (WDC) and specifically the overall strategic Fit for the Future Plan. This policy would support the delivery of the ‘Infrastructure, Enterprise and Employment’ strand by promoting a diverse and dynamic local economy and maintaining our vibrant town centres with the resultant impact being an improved local economy with increased employment levels.</p>
(3) What are the expected outcomes?	<p>An increase in the number of successful inward investments leading to an increased business rates pool, an increase in jobs and greater support for key initiatives within the District.</p>
(4) Which of the groups with protected characteristics is this intended to benefit? (see form A1 for list of protected groups)	<p>All, no specific group is targeted.</p>
<u>Stage 2 - Information Gathering</u>	
(1) What type and range of evidence or information have you used to help you make a judgement about the plan/ strategy/ service/ policy?	<p>Feedback from Local Authorities, Members, financial modelling, feedback from the 3rd sector, internal policy review.</p>

(2) Have you consulted on the plan/ strategy/ service/policy and if so with whom?	Public consultation will take place once the draft Policy is approved by the Executive Committee.		
(3) Which of the groups with protected characteristics have you consulted with?	None. Policy is in draft format only and has been put forward for approval for external consultation.		
<u>Stage 3 – Analysis of impact</u>			
(1) From your data and consultations is there any adverse or negative impact identified for any particular group which could amount to discrimination? If yes, identify the groups and how they are affected.	RACE No.	DISABILITY No.	GENDER No.
(2) If there is an adverse impact, can this be justified?	MARRIAGE/CIVIL PARTNERSHIP No.	AGE No.	GENDER REASSIGNMENT No.
	RELIGION/BELIEF No.	PREGNANCY MATERNITY No.	SEXUAL ORIENTATION No.
	N/A as no adverse impact		

(3)What actions are going to be taken to reduce or eliminate negative or adverse impact? (this should form part of your action plan under Stage 4.)	N/A
(4) How does the plan/strategy/service/policy contribute to promotion of equality? If not what can be done?	The Policy supports wider inclusion within the workplace and getting people into work who may otherwise feel disadvantaged from doing so.
(5) How does the plan/strategy/service/policy promote good relations between groups? If not what can be done?	No. It is outside the scope of this Policy to do so.
(6) Are there any obvious barriers to accessing the service? If yes how can they be overcome?	No.

<u>Stage 4 – Action Planning, Review & Monitoring</u>																										
If No Further Action is required then go to – Review & Monitoring (1)Action Planning – Specify any changes or improvements which can be made to the service or policy to mitigate or eradicate negative or adverse impact on specific groups, including resource implications.	<p>EqlA Action Plan</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Action</th> <th>Lead Officer</th> <th>Date for completion</th> <th>Resource requirements</th> <th>Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Action	Lead Officer	Date for completion	Resource requirements	Comments																				
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(2) Review and Monitoring
State how and when you will monitor policy
and Action Plan

The Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis with a report on its effectiveness
submitted to the Executive Committee for its consideration.

Once complete please save a copy of this EIA into the central drive **L:/Equalities & Diversity/EIA/year/relevant service area**
Please annotate your policy with the following statement:

An Equality Impact Assessment on this policy was undertaken on 30/05/2018 and will be reviewed on 30/05/2021.