

# **Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)**

The Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) form is a template for analysing a policy or proposed decision for its potential effects on individuals with protected characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010.

The council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share protected characteristics and people who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not

The three parts of the duty apply to the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex and sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership status applies to the first part of the duty.

Although it is not enforced in legislation as a protected characteristic, Haringey Council treats socioeconomic status as a local protected characteristic.

# 1. Responsibility for the Equality Impact Assessment

Name of proposal: Housing Income Collection Policy

Service Area: Income management

Officer Completing Assessment: Max Tolley

Equalities Advisor: Elliot Sinnhuber
Cabinet meeting date (if applicable): 15 October 2024
Director/Assistant Director Jahedur Rahman

# 2. Executive summary

The new Housing Income Collection policy will be a new Council policy which has the aim of detailing the Council's approach to managing its housing income collection effectively.

The new policy will positively impact our tenants /licensees with protected characteristics by:

 Confirming that the Council will aim to identify any vulnerabilities or additional needs of tenants/licensees and provide or refer them to appropriate support services as necessary in line with our vulnerable tenants and leaseholders policy.



- Stating that the Council will identify any communication needs and provide information in alternative formats as required.
- Committing to taking steps to maximise tenants/licensees income, including promoting benefit take-up, highlighting initiatives, referring to work coaches for training and employment support, referring to appropriate agencies where necessary for debt advice and assistance.
- Linking to the Council's translation and interpretation policy with the aim that language should never be a barrier to accessing services, this should also have a positive impact on the protected characteristic of race.

Data from the 2021 Census data has been used to inform this EQIA in assessing how the proposed policy will affect people with protected characteristics amongst the Council's tenant population with data on leaseholders not available.

The findings included that Haringey Council's tenant population compared to the wider borough population has a significantly higher proportion of young people (under 24) and older people (over 50) and a significantly higher proportion of individuals who have a disability under the Equality Act (2010). There is a significantly higher proportion of individuals who identify as Muslim, and slightly higher proportion of individuals who identify as Christian, Buddhist or another religion. This is countered by a significantly lower proportion of tenants who don't associate with any religion or identify as Jewish, Hindu or Sikh. There is also a significantly higher proportion of female individuals.

# 3. Consultation and engagement

3a. How will consultation and/or engagement inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on protected groups of residents, service users and/or staff? Detail how your approach will facilitate the inclusion of protected groups likely to be impacted by the decision.

We engaged with Haringey residents through attending two meetings of the Resident Voice Board (RVB) near the start of the policy development process and towards the end of the process. These sessions ensured that the views of vulnerable tenants and leaseholders with the protected characteristics were represented in the policy development process.

For example, RVB members emphasised the importance of either providing or signposting vulnerable tenants/licensees to appropriate support or advice with welfare benefit applications as necessary. In the 'tenant obligations' section of the policy, it states that tenants have the option of discussing difficulties with paying their rent with their Tenancy Management Officer in addition to their Income Management Officer.

We also carried out wide ranging engagement with council staff and the policy evolved as part of this engagement.



# 3b. Outline the key findings of your consultation / engagement activities once completed, particularly in terms of how this relates to groups that share the protected characteristics

We attended meetings of the Resident Voice Board in February and May 2024. They told us that the policy should include coverage of the following points:

- To reflect that where the tenant is entitled to full Housing Benefit or Universal Credit, the Council has an expectation that at sign up, a token payment of £10 should be made at the sign up instead of needing to pay one week's rent in advance.
- Emphasise the importance of either providing or signposting vulnerable tenants/licensees to appropriate support or advice with welfare benefit applications as necessary.

### 4. Data and Impact Analysis

**Note**: officers may want to complement their analysis with data from the State of the Borough and ward profiles, found here: <a href="https://www.haringey.gov.uk/local-democracy/about-council/state-of-the-borough">https://www.haringey.gov.uk/local-democracy/about-council/state-of-the-borough</a>.

Please consider how the proposed change will affect people with protected characteristics.

# 4a. Age

#### Data

#### Borough Profile<sup>1</sup>

54,422: 0-17 (21%)

• 71,660: 18-34 (27%)

• 63,930: 35-49 (24%)

46,516: 50-64 (18%)

• 27,706: 65+ (10%)

#### Local Authority Social Rented Tenant Population Profile<sup>2</sup>

• 0 – 15: 7963 (20%)

• 16 – 24: 6120 (16%)

• 25 – 34: 5000 (13%)

• 35 – 49: 6773 (17%)

• 50 – 64: 8365 (21%)

• 65+: 4745 (12%)

What data sources will you use to inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on people under this protected characteristic?

2021 Census data has been used to identify the age distribution of the tenant population.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Census, 2021 – <u>Population and household estimates, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)</u>



Data on the age distribution of leaseholders is not available.

#### **Detail the findings of the data**

Haringey Council's tenant population has a significantly higher proportion of young people (under 24) and older people (over 50) than what is observed in the wider borough population.

#### **Potential Impacts**

Positive impact.

People of all ages may need support to meet their responsibilities to pay their rent and/or other housing related charges on time, however we know that older age is generally an indicator of possible digital inclusion.

The policy confirms that there are a variety of payment options available for anyone who is digitally excluded and not able to pay their rent online. These include paying by standing order, by phone or using their rent card at any post office or any outlets displaying the Paypoint logo.

The policy also outlines that the Council set the ethos for rent and income collection on first contact with prospective tenants regardless of age. It notes that the Council will advise on rent payments and encourage tenants/licensees to complete any benefit claims and provide all necessary information promptly.

Setting out that we will provide tenants/licensees with clear and accessible information on their responsibilities, payment methods and available support at sign-up may have a positive impact on both younger and older people

The policy outlines that the Council will aim to identify any vulnerabilities or additional needs of tenants/licensees and provide or refer them to appropriate support services as necessary in line with our vulnerable tenants and leaseholders' policy.

# 4b. Disability

#### Data

#### **Borough Profile**

- Disabled under Equality Act 13.7%<sup>2</sup>
  - Day to day activities limited a lot 6.1%
  - Day to day activities limited a little 7.5%
- 7.5% of residents people diagnosed with depression<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Census, 2021 - Disability, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> NHS Quality Outcomes Framework – <u>Prevalence of diagnosed depression among GP registered population</u> age 18+



- 1.7% of residents diagnosed with a severe mental illness<sup>4</sup>
- 0.4% of people in Haringey have a learning disability<sup>5</sup>

#### Local Authority Social Rented Tenant Population Profile 7

- Disabled under the Equality Act 22.4% (8729)
  - Day to day activities limited a lot 12.9% (5040)
  - Day to day activities limited a little 9,5% (3689)

# What data sources will you use to inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on people under this protected characteristic?

2021 Census data has been used to identify the prevalence of disabilities in the tenant population.

Data on the prevalence of disabilities among leaseholders is not available.

### Detail the findings of the data

Haringey Council's tenant population has a significantly higher proportion of individuals who have a disability under the Equality Act (2010) than that observed in the wider borough population.

#### **Potential Impacts**

Positive impact.

The policy states that we will identify any communication preferences that arise in relation to disability and provide information in alternative formats as required in line with our translation and interpretation policy. We will record these preferences on our housing management system to guide future communications.

# 4c. Gender Reassignment

#### Data

#### Borough Profile<sup>6</sup>

- Gender Identity different from sex registered at birth but no specific identity given – 0.5%
- Trans woman 0.1%
- Trans man 0.1%

#### Social Rented Tenants Population Profile 9

- Gender Identity different from sex registered at birth but no specific identity given – 0.76%
- Trans woman 0.24%
- Trans man 0.22%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> NHS Quality Outcomes Framework – <u>Prevalence of diagnosed mental health diagnosis among GP registered</u> population age 18+

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> PHE Learning disability profiles – <a href="https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/learning-disabilities#page/0/gid/1938132702/pat/6/par/E12000007/ati/102/are/E09000014">https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/learning-disabilities#page/0/gid/1938132702/pat/6/par/E12000007/ati/102/are/E09000014</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Census, 2021 – Gender identity, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)



# What data sources will you use to inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on people under this protected characteristic?

2021 Census data has been used to estimate the proportion of tenants that report that their gender identity is different from sex registered at birth. Data that splits Local Authority social rented households from other Housing Association or Registered Provider social rented households is not available.

Data on the gender identity distribution of leaseholders is not available.

#### **Detail the findings of the data**

Haringey's social rented tenant population has a slightly higher proportion of individuals who report their gender identity as different from sex registered at birth than what is observed in the wider borough population.

#### **Potential Impacts**

Neutral impact.

### 4d. Marriage and Civil Partnership

**Note:** Only the first part of the equality duty ("Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act") applies to this protected characteristic.

#### Data

#### Borough Profile 7

- Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved: (9.9%)
- Married or registered civil partnership: (35.8%)
- Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership):
   (2.9%%)
- Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership): (45.3%)
- Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership: (6.1%)

#### **Local Authority Social Rented Tenant Population Profile 11**

- Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved: 3602 (9.2%)
- Married or registered civil partnership: 7519 (19.3%)
- Separated, but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership:
   1349 (3.5%)
- Single, never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership: 17033 (43.7%)
- Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership: 1501 (3.9%)
- Does not apply: 7963 (20.4%)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Census, 2021 – Marriage and civil partnership status in England and Wales - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)



# What data sources will you use to inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on people under this protected characteristic?

2021 Census data has been used to identify the distribution of marital status among tenants.

Data on the distribution of marital status of leaseholders is not available.

#### Detail the findings of the data

Haringey Council's tenant population has a significantly lower proportion of individuals who are married or in a registered civil partnership than what is observed in the wider borough population.

#### **Potential Impacts**

Neutral impact.

# 4e. Pregnancy and Maternity

#### Note8:

- Pregnancy is the condition of being pregnant or expecting a baby.
- Maternity refers to the period after the birth and is linked to maternity leave in the employment context. In the non-work context, protection against maternity discrimination is for 26 weeks after giving birth, and this includes treating a woman unfavourably because she is breastfeeding.

#### **Data**

#### Borough Profile 9

Live Births in Haringey 2021: 3,376

#### **Target Population Profile**

The council does not hold data on pregnancy and maternity among its tenants.

# What data sources will you use to inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on people under this protected characteristic?

Data on the number of pregnancies and births among tenants and leaseholders is not available.

#### Detail the findings of the data.

N/A

#### **Potential Impacts**

Neutral impact identified

#### 4f. Race

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Equality and Human Rights Commission, 2022 – <u>Pregnancy and maternity discrimination</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Births by Borough (ONS)



In the Equality Act 2010, race can mean ethnic or national origins, which may or may not be the same as a person's current nationality.<sup>10</sup>

#### **Data**

#### Borough Profile 11

#### Arab: 1.0%

• Any other ethnic group: 8.7%

#### Asian: 8.7%

Bangladeshi: 1.8%Chinese: 1.5%Indian: 2.2%Pakistani: 0.8%

Other Asian: 2.4%

#### Black: 17.6%

African: 9.4%

Caribbean: 6.2%Other Black: 2.0%

#### Mixed: 7.0%

• White and Asian: 1.5%

White and Black African:1.0%

White and Black Caribbean: 2.0%

• Other Mixed: 2.5%

#### White: 57.0% in total

English/Welsh/Scottish/Norther Irish/British: 31.9%

• Irish: 2.2%

Gypsy or Irish Traveller: 0.1%

• Roma: 0.8%

Other White: 22.1%

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#### Asian: 9.1%

Bangladeshi: 3.4%Chinese: 0.9%Indian: 0.9%Pakistani: 0.7%

Other Asian: 3.2%

<sup>10</sup> Race discrimination | Equality and Human Rights Commission (equalityhumanrights.com)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Census 2021 - Ethnic group, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)



Black: 39.6%

African: 23.2%Caribbean: 11.8%Other Black: 4.6%

#### Mixed: 6.8%

White and Asian: 0.6%

White and Black African: 1.2%White and Black Caribbean: 2.7%

• Other Mixed: 2.3%

#### White: 31.0%

• English/Welsh/Scottish/Norther Irish/British: 18.8%

Irish: 1.6%

Gypsy or Irish Traveller: 0.1%

• Roma: 0.2%

Other White: 10.4%

#### Other Ethnic Group: 13.4%

• Arab: 1.7%

• Any other ethnic group: 11.7%

# What data sources will you use to inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on people under this protected characteristic?

2021 Census data has been used to identify the distribution of ethnic groups among tenants.

Data on the distribution of ethnic groups of leaseholders is not available.

#### Detail the findings of the data

Haringey Council's tenant population has a significantly higher proportion of individuals who identify as Black, and slightly higher proportion of individual who identify as Asian or another ethnic group than what is observed in the wider borough population. There is a significantly lower proportion of tenants who identify as White than the wider borough population.

#### **Potential Impacts**

Positive impact.

The policy states that the Council will identify any communication needs that arise in relation to race and provide information in alternative formats as required in line with our translation and interpretation policy. We will record these preferences on our housing management system to guide future communications.

# 4g. Religion or belief



#### Borough Profile 12

Christian: 39%
Buddhist: 0.9%
Hindu:1.3%
Jewish: 3.6%
Muslim: 12.6%
No religion: 31.6%
Other religion: 2.3%

• Religion not stated: 8.0%

• Sikh: 0.3%

#### **Local Authority Social Rented Tenant Population Profile 18**

Christian: 42.4%
Buddhist: 1.1%
Hindu: 0.6%
Jewish: 0.4%
Muslim: 25.9%
No religion: 16.7%
Other religion: 5.3%
Religion not stated: 7.4%

Sikh: 0.2%

# What data will you use to inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on people under this protected characteristic?

2021 Census data has been used to identify the distribution of religion among tenants.

Data on the distribution of religion of leaseholders is not available.

#### Detail the findings of the data

Haringey Council's tenant population has a significantly higher proportion of individuals who identify as Muslim, and slightly higher proportion of individuals who identify as Christian, Buddhist or another religion than what is observed in the wider borough population. This is countered by a significantly lower proportion of tenants who don't associate with any religion or identify as Jewish, Hindu or Sikh.

#### **Potential Impacts**

Neutral impact identified.

4h. Sex Data Borough profile <sup>13</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Census, 2021 – Religion, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Census 2021 – Gender identity: age and sex, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)



Females: (51.8%)Males: (48.2%)

### **Local Authority Social Rented Tenant Population**

Female: 21,486 (55.1%) Male: 17,482 (44.9%)

# What data sources will you use to inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on people under this protected characteristic?

2021 Census data has been used to identify the distribution of sex in the tenant population.

No data is available on the age distribution of sex amongst leaseholders.

#### Detail the findings of the data

Haringey's tenant population has a significantly higher proportion of female individuals than what is observed in the wider borough population.

#### **Potential Impacts**

Neutral impact identified.

#### 4i. Sexual Orientation

#### Data

#### Borough profile 14

Straight or heterosexual: 83.4%

• Gay or Lesbian: 2.7%

Bisexual: 2.1%

All other sexual orientations: 0.8%

Not answered: 11.0%

# Local Authority Social Rented Tenant Population Profile <sup>22</sup>

• Straight or heterosexual: 86.5%

• Gay or Lesbian: 1.2%

Bisexual: 0.9%

All other sexual orientations: 0.5%

Not answered: 11.0%

# What data sources will you use to inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on people under this protected characteristic?

2021 Census data has been used to identify the distribution of sexual identity among social rented tenants. Data that splits Local Authority social rented households from

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Census, 2021 – <u>Sexual orientation, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)</u>



other Housing Association or Registered Provider social rented households is not available.

Data on the sexual identity distribution of leaseholders is not available.

#### Detail the findings of the data

Haringey's social rented tenant population has a significantly lower proportion of individuals who report their sexual identity as something other than Straight or Heterosexual than what is observed in the wider borough population.

#### **Potential Impacts**

Neutral impact identified.

### 4j. Socioeconomic Status

**Data** 

#### Borough profile

#### Income

- 6.9% of the population of Haringey were claiming unemployment benefit as of April 2023<sup>15</sup>
- 19.6% of residents were claiming Universal Credit as of March 2023<sup>16</sup>
- 29.3% of jobs in Haringey are paid below the London Living Wage<sup>17</sup>

#### **Educational Attainment**

- Haringey ranks 25<sup>th</sup> out of 32 in London for GCSE attainment (% of pupils achieving strong 9-5 pass in English and Maths)<sup>18</sup>
- 3.7% of Haringey's working age population had no qualifications as of 2021<sup>19</sup>
- 5.0% were qualified to level one only<sup>20</sup>

#### **Area Deprivation**

Haringey is the 4<sup>th</sup> most deprived in London as measured by the IMD score 2019. The most deprived LSOAs (Lower Super Output Areas, or small neighbourhood areas) are more heavily concentrated in the east of the borough, where more than half of the LSOAs fall into the 20% most deprived in the country.<sup>21</sup>

#### **Local Authority Social Rented Tenant Population**

#### Income

 On Census Day 2021, 47.7% of Haringey Council tenants were not in employment.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> ONS - ONS Claimant Count

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> DWP, StatXplore - Universal Credit statistics, 29 April 2013 to 9 March 2023 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> ONS – Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) - Estimates of the number and proportion of employee jobs with hourly pay below the living wage, by work geography, local authority and parliamentary constituency, UK, April 2017 and April 2018 - Office for National Statistics

<sup>18</sup> DfE - GCSE attainment and progress 8 scores

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> LG Inform – <u>Data and reports | LG Inform (local.gov.uk)</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> LG Inform – Data and reports | LG Inform (local.gov.uk)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> IMD 2019 – English indices of deprivation 2019 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



Of these, 48.7% had never worked, 40.0% had not worked in the last 12 months, and 11.4% had worked in the last 12 months.

#### **Educational Attainment**

 25.93% of Haringey Council's working age tenant population did not have any qualifications.

#### Household Deprivation<sup>32</sup> 33

Household is not deprived in any dimension: 20.34%
Household is deprived in one dimension: 35.46%
Household is deprived in two dimensions: 29.71%
Household is deprived in three dimensions: 13.42%
Household is deprived in four dimensions: 1.07%

Household is deprived in the education dimension: 31.95%

• Household is deprived in the employment dimension: 31.83%

Household is deprived in the health and disability dimension: 47.27%

Household is deprived in the housing dimension: 28.38%

# What data will you use to inform your assessment of the impact of the proposal on people under this protected characteristic?

2021 Census data has been used to establish unemployment, educational attainment and levels of household deprivation in the tenant population. As the Census 2021 was carried out during a period of unprecedented, rapid change to the labour market, care must be taken when using the unemployment statistics.

No data is available on the age distribution of leaseholders.

#### **Detail the findings of the data**

Haringey Council's tenant population has a significantly higher proportion of residents who are long-term unemployed than what is observed in the wider borough population.

Haringey Council's tenant population has a significantly higher proportion of residents who do not hold any formal educational qualifications than what is observed in the wider borough population.

Haringey Council's tenant population has significantly higher levels of household deprivation than what is observed in the wider borough population.

#### **Potential Impacts**

Positive impact.

The policy is clear that the Council will refer tenants/licensees for support where they are making a claim for Universal Credit and provide advice on any other benefits they may be entitled to. It also notes that the income management team will work collaboratively with the Council's Housing Benefit team and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to resolve any queries about tenants/licensees benefits. This



may have a positive impact by ensuring that tenants receive any benefits they are entitled to in a timely manner

Committing to taking steps to maximise tenants/licensees income, including promoting benefit take-up may also have also have a positive impact, highlighting initiatives, referring to work coaches for training and employment support, referring to appropriate agencies where necessary for debt advice and support the payment culture.

### **5. Key Impacts Summary**

### 5a. Outline the key findings of your data analysis.

The data shows the following findings from Haringey Council's tenant population compared to the wider borough population:

- a significantly higher proportion of young people (under 24) and older people (over 50).
- a significantly higher proportion of individuals who have a disability under the Equality Act (2010).
- a slightly higher proportion of individuals who report their gender identity as different from sex registered at birth.
- a significantly lower proportion of individuals who are married or in a registered civil partnership.
- a significantly higher proportion of individuals who identify as Muslim, and slightly higher proportion of individual who identify as Christian, Buddhist or another religion. This is countered by a significantly lower proportion of tenants who don't associate with any religion or identify as Jewish, Hindu or Sikh.
- a significantly higher proportion of female individuals.
- a significantly lower proportion of individuals who report their sexual identity as something other than Straight or Heterosexual.

#### **5b.** Intersectionality

We know that along with the local protected characteristic of socio-economic status, some our tenants may have more than one of the protected characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

There is potential for similar issues for households whose protected characteristic (e.g., disability, ill health, mental health) or other social excluded group characteristics (e.g., credit history/personal debt, low literacy, offenders, drug and alcohol dependency) to impact their ability to work and/or income and therefore their ability to secure and maintain housing without assistance.

These can all put individuals at greater risk of exclusion. We take these factors into account when approaching arrears recovery by using a range of methods involving



face to face contact whether through home visits or visits to our offices. The policy also links with the Council's vulnerable tenants and leaseholders policy.

#### 5c. Data Gaps

This policy applies to leaseholders; however, the Council don't hold data on the protected characteristics of leaseholders. A future action could include working with the Council's leasehold services to explore ways that this gap could be addressed.

**6. Overall impact of the policy for the Public Sector Equality Duty** Summarise the key implications of the decision for people with protected characteristics.

The policy will have a positive impact on the protected characteristics of age, disability and race. It will have a neutral impact on those with other protected characteristics.

The Housing Income Collection Policy confirms that:

- There are a variety of payment options available for anyone who is digitally excluded and not able to pay their rent online
- The Council will identify any communication needs and provide information in alternative formats as required.
- The Council will take steps to maximise tenants/licensees income, including promoting benefit take-up, highlighting initiatives, referring to work coaches for training and employment support, referring to appropriate agencies where necessary for debt advice and assistance.
- The policy links to the Council's translation and interpretation policy with the aim that language should never be a barrier to accessing services, this should also have a positive impact on the protected characteristic of race.

# 7. Amendments and mitigations

7a. What changes, if any, do you plan to make to your proposal because of the Equality Impact Assessment?

No changes are proposed, however advancing equality of opportunities has been a golden thread when developing this policy.

**No major change to the proposal**: the EQIA demonstrates the proposal is robust and there is no potential for discrimination or adverse impact. All opportunities to promote equality have been taken. If you have found any inequalities or negative



impacts that you are unable to mitigate, please provide a compelling reason below why you are unable to mitigate them

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**Adjust the proposal**: the EQIA identifies potential problems or missed opportunities. Adjust the proposal to remove barriers or better promote equality. Clearly <u>set out below</u> the key adjustments you plan to make to the policy. If there are any adverse impacts you cannot mitigate, please provide a compelling reason below

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**Stop and remove the proposal**: the proposal shows actual or potential avoidable adverse impacts on different protected characteristics. The decision maker must not make this decision.

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7b. What specific actions do you plan to take to remove or mitigate any actual or potential negative impact and to further the aims of the Equality Duty?

Action: The actions taken are explained throughout this EQIA

Lead officer: N/A

Timescale: N/A

Please outline any areas you have identified where negative impacts will happen because of the proposal, but it is not possible to mitigate them.

Please provide a complete and honest justification on why it is not possible to mitigate them:

The actions taken to mitigate negative impacts are explained throughout this EQIA.

# 7. Ongoing monitoring

Council officers from the Council's income management service will lead on the delivery of this policy which will include monitoring of the equalities impact of this policy. The Council's Resident Voice Board will also be involved and asked for their feedback when the policy is reviewed in 3 years' time unless earlier events or legislation require an earlier update to this policy.

Date of EQIA monitoring review: 14 August 2024

#### 8. Authorisation



EQIA approved by (Assistant Director/ Director)

Jahedur Rahman

Date 7 October 2024

# 9. Publication

Please ensure the completed EQIA is published in accordance with the Council's policy.

Please contact the Policy & Strategy Team for any feedback on the EQIA process.