

# Equality Impact Assessment

This **online** equality impact assessment should:

An equality impact assessment should take place when considering doing something in a new way. Please submit your completed EIA as an appendix to your committee report. Please remember that this will be a public document – do not use jargon or abbreviations.

**Service** Directorate for Communities and the Environment

**Title of policy, service, function, project or strategy**

Private Housing Enforcement Policy

**Type of policy, service, function, project or strategy:** Existing ☒ New/Proposed ☐

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## Step 1.1: Make sure you have clear aims and objectives

Q1. What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?

Review and update the enforcement policy to improve conditions in private housing

Q2. Who is intended to benefit? Who will it have a detrimental effect on and how?

Benefit residents and the community as a whole with better quality housing and housing management.

## Step 1.2: Collecting your information

Q3. Using existing data (if available) and thinking about each group below, does, or could, the policy, service, function, project or strategy have a negative impact on the groups below?

Group	Negative	Positive/No Impact	Unclear
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Faith, religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender including marriage, pregnancy and maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation including civic partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other socially excluded groups such as carers, areas of deprivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Step 1.3 – Is there a need to consult!

Q4. Who have you consulted with? If you haven't consulted yet please list who you are going to consult with? Please give examples of how you have or are going to consult with specific groups of communities

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Consultation with staff involved in using the policy and with the private landlords group.

## Step 1.4 – Assessing the impact

Q5. Using the existing data and the assessment in questions 3 what does it tell you, is there an impact on some groups in the community?

**Age:** There are a high number of young people living in private rented accommodation so improvements to accommodation will benefit this age group. In some cases, it may lead to a negative impact if private landlords decide to leave the housing market

**Disability:** None

**Faith, Religion or Belief:** None

**Gender including Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity:** None

**Gender Reassignment:** None

**Race:** none

**Sexual Orientation including Civic Partnership:** None

**Rural Communities:** None

## Step 1.5 – What are the differences?

Q6. If you are either directly or indirectly discriminating, how are you going to change this or mitigate the negative impact?

Work with partners to provide housing support.

Q7. Do you need any more information/evidence eg statistic, consultation. If so how do you plan to address this?

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## Step 1.6 – Make a recommendation based on steps 1.1 to 1.5

Q8. If you are in a position to make a recommendation to change or introduce the policy, service, function, project or strategy, clearly show how it was decided on.

New legislation relating to the private rented sector required an update of the enforcement policy and fines matrices

Q9. If you are not in a position to go ahead, what actions are you going to take?

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Q10. How do you plan to monitor the impact and effectiveness of this change or decision?

Performance management monitoring.