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 Corporate Services

Title of policy, service, function, project or strategy

Fees and Charges Review - 2020/21

Type of policy, service, function, project or strategy: Existing 🛛 New/Proposed 🖂

Lead Officer Head of Financial Services and Director for Communities and the Environment

People involved with completing the EIA

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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?

To consider the annual review of fees and charges for 2020/21

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

The district as a whole, although various groups may be affected (positively or negatively) depending on specific fees and charges set.

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		\boxtimes	
Disability		\boxtimes	
Faith, religion or belief		\boxtimes	
Gender including marriage, pregnancy and maternity		\boxtimes	
Gender reassignment		\boxtimes	
Race		\boxtimes	
Sexual orientation including civic partnerships		\boxtimes	
Other socially excluded groups such as carers, areas of deprivation		\boxtimes	
Rural communities		\boxtimes	

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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Lancaster BID, Morecambe BID, Chamber of Commerce. A summary of the proposals shall be been sent to each of the above but given the positive nature of the proposals, no return comments are expected.

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: Neutral
Disability: Neutral
Faith, Religion or Belief: Neutral
Gender including Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity: Neutral
Gender Reassignment: Neutral
Race: Neutral
Sexual Orientation including Civic Partnership: Neutral
Rural Communities: Neutral

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?

No perceived direct or indirect discrimination arising.

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

Nothing specific identified, however monitoring of existing data usage data (where available) would be further evaluated and taken into consideration during the annual review.

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.

Through Member decision making or officer delegations, as appropriate.

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

Report back to Cabinet, primarily as part of normal monitoring, budgeting and outturn reporting arrangements, as appropriate.

Q10. Where necessary, how do you plan to monitor the impact and effectiveness of this change or decision?

Through corporate monitoring / service specific monitoring, as appropriate.