

Equality Impact Assessment

Preliminary assessment form v5 / 2013

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The preliminary impact assessment is a quick and easy screening process. It should:

- identify those policies, projects, services, functions or strategies which require a full EIA by looking at:
 - negative, positive or no impact on any of the equality groups
 - opportunity to promote equality for the equality groups
 - data / feedback
- prioritise if and when a full EIA should be completed
- justify reasons for why a full EIA is not going to be completed

Directorate:

Director of City Development & Culture

**Function e.g. HR,
IS, carers:**

Regulatory Services - Environmental Health

Title of policy, service, function, project or strategy (new or old) :

Assessment of air quality - publication of Annual Status Report 2016

Type of policy, service, function, project or strategy:

- Existing
- New / proposed
- Changed

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

The aim of the policy is to report upon the:

- review and assessment of air quality in Portsmouth and the publication of the 2016 annual status report
- changes implemented by Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) to the annual reporting of air quality and the governments expectations of local authorities in relation to improving air quality
- need to continue to explore options and strategies in order to improve air quality in Portsmouth

Q2 - Who is this policy, service, function, project or strategy going to benefit or have a detrimental effect on and how?

Benefits: Improving air quality by reducing air pollution has positive health impacts for all. It is recognised that poor air quality is a contributing factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer. Air pollution particularly affects the most vulnerable in society: children and older people and those with heart and lung conditions.

Q3 - Thinking about each group below, does, or could the policy, service, function, project or strategy have a negative impact on members of the equality 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"/> |
| Race | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gender | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transgender | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sexual orientation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Religion or belief | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pregnancy and maternity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other excluded groups | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If the answer is "negative" or "unclear" consider doing a full EIA

Q4 - Does, or could the policy, service, function, project or strategy help to promote equality for members of the equality groups?

| Group | Yes | No | Unclear |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Age | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Race | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gender | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transgender | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sexual orientation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Religion or belief | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pregnancy or maternity | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other excluded groups | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If the answer is "no" or "unclear" consider doing a full EIA

Q5 - Do you have any feedback data from the equality groups that influences, affects or shapes this policy, service, function, project or strategy?

| Group | Yes | No | Unclear |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Age | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Race | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gender | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transgender | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sexual orientation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Religion or belief | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Pregnancy and maternity

Other excluded groups

If the answer is "no" or "unclear" consider doing a full EIA

Q6 - Using the assessments in questions 3, 4 and 5 should a full assessment be carried out on this policy, service, function or strategy?

yes No

Q7 - How have you come to this decision?

Improving air quality is positive in terms of protecting human health irrespective of equality group.
The government have produced numerous reports detailing these positive impacts and quantifying the benefits in terms of increased life expectancy and reduced costs (£) in terms of delivering health care.
As the data clearly demonstrates that improved air quality will be a benefit to all it is unnecessary to seek specific data in relation to impact upon any specific equality group.

If you have to complete a full EIA please contact the Equalities and diversity team if you require help
Tel: 023 9283 4789 or email:equalities@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Q8 - Who was involved in the EIA?

Environmental Health practitioners specialising in air quality

This EIA has been approved by: Richard Lee, Regulatory Services Manager

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Date: August 2017

Please email a copy of your completed EIA to the Equality and diversity team. We will contact you with any comments or queries about your preliminary EIA.

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