

# 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:**

Transport, Environment & Business Support

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

Transport Planning Team

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

Tendered Bus Routes – Review of the 19/19A contract

**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?

In January 2016 the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation approved the award of contracts for bus services that would be financially supported by the city council. Since this date, the council have reviewed patronage figures. For the 19/19A bus service, this data demonstrates that there is a low level of use, and a high financial subsidy, therefore it is recommended that this route is withdrawn.

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

The current bus services potentially benefits some residents by providing bus services where bus companies will not provide them commercially.

The reduction in funding for tendered bus services has the potential impact of restricting peoples ability to travel. There are alternatives depending on where residents live, which could be:

1. Provide services where residents do not have alternative commercial bus services
2. Use alternative commercially bus services.
3. For eligible disabled residents use the council grant funded Dial a Ride service.
4. Ask family and friends to provide travel needs.
5. Use taxi and private hire.
6. Not travel at all.

### 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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disability	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Race	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gender	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transgender	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sexual orientation	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religion or belief	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pregnancy and maternity	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other excluded groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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

Religion or belief

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?**

The 19/19A bus service operates Monday to Friday serving Portsmouth City Centre, Southsea, Milton, Baffins and North End. It is a low frequency service of 2 hour 10 minutes.

There is a high level of financial support per passenger for the 19/19A bus service, with the cost per passenger being £2.32 per trip. This is higher than any other public transport subsidised service in the city. For example, another subsidised service has a subsidy level of £0.64 per passenger for the 22 service.

The cost per passenger for the 19/19A bus service is high. Due to the low level of passengers using the service and the relatively high cost of operating the service this results in a high level of subsidy per passenger. Over a 9 month period between April 2016 and December 2016, a total of 18,153 passengers used this service which is equivalent to an average of 66 passengers per day.

We do not have any equality data of the 66 passengers broken down by each protected characteristic for example race, gender but do have data on the use of the service by concessionary pass holders who would possess the protected characteristic of age and disability. 50% of the 19/19A passengers are concessionary pass holders with 7% of all journeys /trips being made by disabled pass holders, this would equate to 4 passenger trips per day on this service who hold a protected characteristic.

With the removal of the 19/19A service, a number of roads will no longer be serviced by a bus service. These roads are outlined in the report in appendix C. However there are other services available within an average of 490 metres. The majority of these alternative services operate at a far higher frequency with service 1, 2, 3, 7, 21 operating at a 10 minute frequency at peak periods.

The 19/19A service does currently provide a public transport connection to Portsmouth College. However the existing commercial First Bus 13 and 14 services also provide a connection to Portsmouth College. These services operate at double the frequency of the 19 service with an hourly timetable. The 13 and 14 service will maintain a viable and effective bus service to Portsmouth College. These services do not cover the whole of the 19 route but can be accessed through a connecting journey using another service.

The 19/19A service would not be maintained by the operator as the service is not considered to be commercially viable.

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?**

Craig Lamberton - Public Transport and Park & Ride Officer, Transport Planning Team  
Felicity Tidbury - Transport Planning Manager, Transport Planning Team  
Gina Perryman - Access & Equality Advisor, Community and Communications Team

**This EIA has been approved by:**

**Contact number:**

**Date:**

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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