



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:**

Licensing Service

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

Town Police Clauses Act 1847 - Demand for the services of hackney carriages

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?

To seek members views on whether to retain the fixed limit on the number of licensed taxis standing and plying for hire within the City Of Portsmouth. To formulate policy criteria so far as "unmet demand" for the service of taxis is concerned for next 3 years or so.

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

All persons, whether the general public, business persons/business premises etc engaged in using licensed taxis within the city by way of immediate hirings. So far as wheelchair accessibility is concerned, the survey has shown that the availability of wheelchair accessible vehicles for the distinct services of hackney carriages is not an issue and no unmet demand is evident BUT the council will seek to engage with the trade and appointed representatives of local disability groups to discuss the provision of wheelchair accessible vehicles further.

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

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

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 survey into the demand, or otherwise, for the services of hackney carriages within Portsmouth was undertaken by an independent and very experienced Transport Consultant with many years expertise in assessing and commenting on this unique and niche market provision.

The author was asked to consider the question of demand (so far as it related to the provision of taxis for persons using a wheelchair or other means to facilitate a hiring) and to engage with stakeholders and bodies representing the interests of disabled and minority groups. This has been done with no adverse findings being reported to the local authority. The report author will present his findings to the council in due course and will be asked to examine matters relating to the provision of wheelchair accessible vehicles.

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?

Ross Lee, Licensing Officer and Nickii Humphreys, Licensing Manager, Directorate of Culture & City Development.

This EIA has been approved by: Nickii Humphreys

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Date:

08 September 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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