



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:

Housing and Property Services

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

Housing

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

Mobility Scooter Storage Policy

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?

Fire Brigades around the UK are increasingly advising that mobility scooters pose an unnecessary risk as once involved in a fire mobility scooters can release large amounts of highly toxic smoke and gases and if parked or stored in corridors, stairwells or the common areas they could seriously affect if not prevent the safe escape of others, posing an unacceptable risk to all building occupiers. Fire safety regulations impose obligations on the council as the responsible person for the common parts of buildings to ensure that emergency routes and exits are kept clear at all times. This policy aims to identify storage and charging solutions that support the safe use of mobility scooters whilst recognising that different solutions may be necessary in terms of building design, financial consideration and building use. Failure to comply with The Regulatory reform (Fire safety) Order 2005 article 14 could result in significant fines against Portsmouth City Council.

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

This policy will affect all residents and visitors who currently store mobility scooters in communal areas of blocks of flats or sheltered housing schemes. It will most specifically affect individuals who have been storing their mobility scooter(s) in a communal area outside the front door of their flat. The policy will benefit the population of the block or scheme in the event of a fire as the proposals will ensure the scooters are stored in facilities that meet all necessary fire regulations and do not cause an obstruction.

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="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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	<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

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?

Mobility scooters are primarily used by people who are older and/or have a disability so the impact of residents no longer being able to store mobility scooters in communal areas is likely to have a disproportionate effect on people in those groups than any other. Preliminary surveys have identified potential alterations to existing buildings and their associated costs. Initial information, including the opportunity to ask questions/raise concerns has been provided to residents and a full EIA will be completed once authorisation has been received, which will demonstrate that the appropriate, inclusive consultation and implementation processes have been followed.

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?

Syed Ali - Area Housing Manager (Paulsgrove)
Suzi Winter - Housing Officer

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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