

# **Equality Impact Assessment**

**Preliminary assessment form 2018** 

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| The preliminary imp              | pact assessment is a quick and easy screening process. It should:                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| identify those looking at:       | policies, projects, services, functions or strategies which require a full EIA by |
| negative, p                      | ositive or no impact on any of the equality groups                                |
| How are go                       | ing to mitigate or remove any potential negative impacts                          |
| opportunity                      | to promote equality for the equality groups                                       |
| data / feedl                     | pack                                                                              |
| prioritise if and                | when a full EIA should be completed                                               |
| justify reasons                  | for why a full EIA is not going to be completed                                   |
| Directorate:                     | City development and culture                                                      |
| Service, function:               | Public Safety                                                                     |
| Title of policy, se              | rvice, function, project or strategy (new or old) :                               |
| Public Spaces Pro<br>Order (DCO) | tection Order (PSPO) is statutory requirement to replace the existing Dog Control |
|                                  |                                                                                   |

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

|            | Existing       |
|------------|----------------|
|            | New / proposed |
| $\bigstar$ | Changed        |

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

To replace the existing DCO with a PSPO. The DCO was implemented in 2011 and expired in 2017. However, this was automatically replaced by a PSPO. This PSPO is inflexible and doesn't allow for the changes requested by the general public in a 1,000 named petition.

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

This change is to enable dogs to be exercised on beaches one month later than was permitted in the DCO

# 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<br>impact | Unclear |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---------|
| Age                          |          | *                       |         |
| Disability                   |          | *                       |         |
| Race                         |          | *                       |         |
| Sex                          |          | *                       |         |
| Gender reassignment          |          | *                       |         |
| Sexual orientation           |          | *                       |         |
| Religion or belief           |          | *                       |         |
| Pregnancy and maternity      |          | *                       |         |
| Marriage & civil partnership |          | *                       |         |
| Other excluded groups        |          | *                       |         |

**Note:**Other excluded groups examples includes, Homeless, rough sleeper and unpaid carers. Many forms of exclusion are linked to financial disadvantage. How will this change affect people on low incomes, in financial crisis or living in areas of greater deprivation?

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

If there are any potential negative impacts on any of the protected characteristics, What have you put in place to mitigate or remove the negative impacts/barriers?

There are no potential negatives impacts across any of the protected characteristics.

**Q4 - Does, or could the policy, service, function, project or strategy help to promote equality for members of the equality groups?** e.g. A new service has been created for people with a disability to help them gain employment this would mean that this helps promote equality for the protected characteristic of disability only.

| Group                        | Yes | No | Unclear |
|------------------------------|-----|----|---------|
| Age                          |     | *  |         |
| Disability                   |     | *  |         |
| Race                         |     | *  |         |
| Sex                          |     | *  |         |
| Gender reassignment          |     | *  |         |
| Sexual orientation           |     | *  |         |
| Religion or belief           |     | *  |         |
| Pregnancy or maternity       |     | *  |         |
| Marriage & civil partnership |     | *  |         |
| Other excluded groups        |     | *  |         |

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?

Please add in the text boxes below what feedback / meetings you have attended for each specific protected characteristic

| Group      | Positive or negative feedback                       |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Age        | There was no specific data collected for this group |
| Disability | There was no specific data collected for this group |
| Race       | There was no specific data collected for this group |
| Sex        | There was no specific data collected for this group |

| Gender reassignment          | There was no specific data collected for this group |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Sexual orientation           | There was no specific data collected for this group |
| Religion or belief           | There was no specific data collected for this group |
| Pregnancy and maternity      | There was no specific data collected for this group |
| Marriage & civil partnership | There was no specific data collected for this group |
| Other excluded groups        | There was no specific data collected for this group |

# 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

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### Q7 - How have you come to this decision? Summarise your findings and conclusion below

The PSPO is to replace the DCO, which is a statutory document that enables dog controls to be implemented within the city. The original DCO could not lawfully be amended and any change must take place via a PSPO. The changes recommended are to extend the period when dogs may be exercised on designated beachs and this has been seen as a positive way froward for all groups in Q5. The dog controls with regard to dog fouling does not apply to support dogs i.e. hearing or poor visual acuity

The initial proposal for the extended dog exercising period came from a 1,000 name petition There are positive health impacts of exercising and as dogs need to be exercised regularly this PSPO will assist in promoting personal activity.

Consultation also took place with the following:

Residents

PCC Legal services

Kennel Club

Police and Crime Commissioner.

641 people answered the survey, 77.4% were people that owned dogs, it should also be noted that a 1,000 name petition in support of the changes was submitted to the Council. There were no objections received from the consultees.

There was no specific data collected on any of the protected characteristics but no objections were received by anyone so this would lead us to the conclusion that this will not disproportionately impact on these groups. Any disabled people with assistance or guide dogs are excluded from this order as they are permitted to access anywhere on the beach to enable disabled people to carry out their normal day-to-day activities.

# Q8 - Who was involved in the EIA? David Evans This EIA has been approved by: David Evans Contact number: 0702 Date: 03 October 2018

**PCC** staff-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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