



# Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)

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

- identify those policies, projects, services, functions or strategies that could impact positively or negatively on the following areas:
  - Communities and safety
  - Regeneration and culture
  - Environment and public space
  - Equality & - Diversity - This can be found in Section A5

**Directorate:**

Housing Needs Advice and Support

**Service, function:**

Private Sector Housing

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

Private Sector Housing Financial Assistance Policy 2021

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

- Existing
- New / proposed
- ★ Changed

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

To make Disabled Facilities Grants more accessible to those with an assessed need for adaptations, and to make interest free loans available to owner occupiers in the city to carry out necessary repairs to improve the safety of their property for the occupants.

Has any consultation been undertaken for this proposal? What were the outcomes of the consultations? Has anything changed because of the consultation? Did this inform your proposal?

No, but as there is an existing policy which this policy seeks to amend in line with current customer demand for the service.

## A - Communities and safety

Yes

No

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

### A1-Crime - Will it make our city safer?

In thinking about this question:

- How will it reduce crime, disorder, ASB and the fear of crime?
- How will it prevent the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances?
- How will it protect and support young people at risk of harm?
- How will it discourage re-offending?

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Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?

How will you measure/check the impact of your proposal?

## A - Communities and safety

Yes

No

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

### A2-Housing - Will it provide good quality homes?

In thinking about this question:

- How will it increase good quality affordable housing, including social housing?
- How will it reduce the number of poor quality homes and accommodation?
- How will it produce well-insulated and sustainable buildings?
- How will it provide a mix of housing for different groups and needs?

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Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?

The Policy aims to make Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) available to more people in the city who have an assessed need for disabled adaptations by removing the current means testing applied to applicants, to increase the maximum grant limit from £30,000 to £40,000, and to make DFGs available to shared lives carers and special

guardianships.

The policy also includes offering interest free loans to owner occupiers in the city to carryout repairs to their properties which if left in disrepair could present a hazard to the occupants. This is identified by the councils Private Sector Housing team undertaking a Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) survey and might include helping people who are living in excessively cold conditions or are living in properties with damp and mould.

It is believed that this policy will have a positive impact on properties (and their occupants) living in the Private Housing Sector in Portsmouth.

How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?

The proposed changes to the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) policy have already been tested through a pilot scheme which ran from 2019-2021. This pilot scheme demonstrated that the proposed changes help to streamline the process for applicants, and makes the DFG available to more people.

The councils Private Sector Housing team currently uses data to measure the performance of the service, including how many people are assisted each year. This data will continue to be monitored and reviewed to ensure that the policy is meeting the needs of those that require these services.

**A - Communities and safety**

**Yes**

**No**

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

**A3-Health** - Will this help promote healthy, safe and independent living?



In thinking about this question:

- How will it improve physical and mental health?
- How will it improve quality of life?
- How will it encourage healthy lifestyle choices?
- How will it create healthy places? (Including workplaces)

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The policy will allow for more people in the city (including Owner Occupiers, private rental sector tenants, and tenants of registered providers) to access Disabled adaptations for their homes through Disabled Facilities Grants, improving their safety, independence and quality of life in their homes.

The Policy also includes interest free loans for Owner Occupiers to carryout essential repairs to make the property safer, this will contribute to improved physical and mental health for those living in poor housing conditions and improve their quality.

How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?

The councils Private Sector Housing team currently uses data to measure the performance of the service, including how many people are assisted each year. This data will continue to be monitored and reviewed to ensure that the policy is meeting the needs of those that require these services.

**A - Communities and safety**

**Yes**

**No**

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

**A4-Income deprivation and poverty**-Will it consider income deprivation and reduce poverty?



In thinking about this question:

- How will it support those vulnerable to falling into poverty; e.g., single working age adults and lone parent households?
- How will it consider low-income communities, households and individuals?
- How will it support those unable to work?
- How will it support those with no educational qualifications?


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<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/health-and-care/health/joint-strategic-needs-assessment>

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?

Disabled Facilities Grants will no longer require any means testing, therefore they will be offered to anyone with an assessed need for adaptations (assessment made by the Councils Occupational Therapy team).

There are a number of people living in the city as owner occupiers on low incomes who cannot afford to carry out essential repairs. 

How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?

The councils Private Sector Housing team currently uses data to measure the performance of the service, including how many people are assisted each year. This data will continue to be monitored and reviewed to ensure that the policy is meeting the needs of those that require these services.

**A - Communities and safety**

**Yes**

**No**

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

**A5-Equality & diversity** - Will it have any positive/negative impacts on the protected characteristics?



In thinking about this question:

- How will it impact on the protected characteristics-Positive or negative impact (Protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010, Age, disability, race/ethnicity, Sexual orientation, gender reassignment, sex, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership,socio-economic)
- What mitigation has been put in place to lessen any impacts or barriers removed?
- How will it help promote equality for a specific protected characteristic?


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Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?

The policy is being amended to make Disabled Facilities Grants available to all those living in the Private Housing Sector who have an assessed need for disabled adaptations (assessment made by the Council's Occupational Therapy team). Disabled Facilities Grants will no longer require any means testing making them available to anyone requiring adaptations to their home.

How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?

The proposed changes to the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) policy have already been tested through a pilot scheme which ran from 2019-2021. This pilot scheme demonstrated that the proposed changes help to streamline the process for applicants. and makes the DFG available to more people. 

**B - Environment and climate change**

**Yes**

**No**

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

**B1-Carbon emissions** - Will it reduce carbon emissions?



In thinking about this question:

- How will it reduce greenhouse gas emissions?
- How will it provide renewable sources of energy?
- How will it reduce the need for motorised vehicle travel?
- How will it encourage and support residents to reduce carbon emissions?

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The policy includes a top up grant, where applicants for boiler replacement grants through the Council's Energy Team require additional funding to carryout the works which are not covered by the boiler replacement grant. This may include for example the cost of asbestos surveys or scaffold access, in order to replace the boiler. Replacement boilers through the councils energy team typical result in more efficient means of providing heating and hot water, and improved EPC ratings for properties.

How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?

The data collected on improving energy efficiency and EPC rating will be handled by the councils energy services team. This policy simply helps residents to access boiler replacement grants when funding ancillary fees is an issue for them. Data will be collected for the number of people this has assisted.

**B - Environment and climate change**

**Yes**

**No**

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

**B2-Energy use** - Will it reduce energy use?



In thinking about this question:

- How will it reduce water consumption?
- How will it reduce electricity consumption?
- How will it reduce gas consumption?
- How will it reduce the production of waste?

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<https://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/documents/s24685/Home%20Energy%20Appendix%201%20-%20Energy%20and%20water%20at%20home%20-%20Strategy%202019-25.pdf>

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?

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How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?

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**B - Environment and climate change**

Yes

No

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

**B3 - Climate change mitigation and flooding**-Will it proactively mitigate against a changing climate and flooding?

In thinking about this question:

- How will it minimise flood risk from both coastal and surface flooding in the future?
- How will it protect properties and buildings from flooding?
- How will it make local people aware of the risk from flooding?
- How will it mitigate for future changes in temperature and extreme weather events?

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<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/documents-external/cou-flood-risk-management-plan.pdf>

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How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?

**B - Environment and climate change**

Yes

No

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

**B4-Natural environment**-Will it ensure public spaces are greener, more sustainable and well-maintained?

In thinking about this question:

- How will it encourage biodiversity and protect habitats?
- How will it preserve natural sites?
- How will it conserve and enhance natural species?

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How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?

**B - Environment and climate change**

**Yes**

**No**

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

**B5-Air quality** - Will it improve air quality?

In thinking about this question:

- How will it reduce motor vehicle traffic congestion?
- How will it reduce emissions of key pollutants?
- How will it discourage the idling of motor vehicles?
- How will it reduce reliance on private car use?

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How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?

**B - Environment and climate change**

**Yes**

**No**

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

**B6-Transport** - Will it improve road safety and transport for the whole community?

In thinking about this question:

- How will it prioritise pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users over users of private vehicles?
- How will it allocate street space to ensure children and older people can walk and cycle safely in the area?
- How will it increase the proportion of journeys made using sustainable and active transport?
- How will it reduce the risk of traffic collisions, and near misses, with pedestrians and cyclists?

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## B - Environment and climate change

Yes

No

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

**B7-Waste management** - Will it increase recycling and reduce the production of waste?

In thinking about this question:

- How will it reduce household waste and consumption?
- How will it increase recycling?
- How will it reduce industrial and construction waste?

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**C - Regeneration of our city**

Yes

No

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

**C1-Culture and heritage** - Will it promote, protect and enhance our culture and heritage?

In thinking about this question:

- How will it protect areas of cultural value?
- How will it protect listed buildings?
- How will it encourage events and attractions?
- How will it make Portsmouth a city people want to live in?

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**C - Regeneration of our city**

Yes

No

Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

**C2-Employment and opportunities** - Will it promote the development of a skilled workforce?

In thinking about this question:

- How will it improve qualifications and skills for local people?
- How will it reduce unemployment?
- How will it create high quality jobs?
- How will it improve earnings?

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Is your policy/proposal relevant to the following questions?

**C3 - Economy** - Will it encourage businesses to invest in the city, support sustainable growth and regeneration?

In thinking about this question:

- How will it encourage the development of key industries?
- How will it improve the local economy?
- How will it create valuable employment opportunities for local people?
- How will it promote employment and growth in the city?

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How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?

**Q8 - Who was involved in the Integrated impact assessment?**

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