

Chesterfield Borough Council

Equality Impact Assessment - Preliminary Assessment Form

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.

Service Area: HOUSING SERVICES
 Section: HOUSING MANAGER
 Lead Officer: ALISON CRAIG

Title of the policy, project, service, function or strategy the preliminary EIA is being produced for: **Changes to Garden Assistance Scheme**

Is the policy, project, service, function or strategy:

Existing

Changed

New/Proposed

Q1 - What is the aim of your policy or new service?

The purpose of the report is to seek approval from Members to amend the qualifying criteria to the Garden Assistance scheme following Legal Advice in relation to the Equalities Act 2010.

Q2 - Who is the policy or service going to benefit?

The changes to the Garden Assistance Scheme will benefit disabled and elderly tenants.

Q3 - Thinking about each group below, does, or could the policy, project, service, function or strategy have an impact on protected characteristics below? You may also need to think about sub groups within each characteristic e.g. older women, younger men, disabled women etc.

Please tick the appropriate columns for each group.

Group or Protected Characteristics	Potentially positive impact	Potentially negative impact	No impact
Age – including older people and younger people.	X		

Disabled people – physical, mental and sensory including learning disabled people and people living with HIV/Aids and cancer.	X		
Gender – men, women and transgender.			X
Marital status including civil partnership.			X
Pregnant women and people on maternity/paternity. Also consider breastfeeding mothers.			X
Sexual Orientation – Heterosexual, Lesbian, gay men and bi-sexual people.			X
Ethnic Groups			X
Religions and Beliefs including those with no religion and/or beliefs.			X
Other groups e.g. those experiencing deprivation and/or health inequalities.			X

If you have answered that the policy, project, service, function or strategy could potentially have a negative impact on any of the above characteristics then a full EIA will be required.

Q4 - Should a full EIA be completed for this policy, project, service, function or strategy?

- Yes
 No

Q5 - Reasons for this decision:

There are no negative impacts on age groups with protected characteristics.