

## 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: Business Planning and Strategy – Housing Services

Section: Private Sector Housing

Lead Officer: Head of Housing

Title of the policy, project, service, function or strategy the preliminary EIA is being produced for:

“The smoke and carbon monoxide alarm (England) regulations 2015”.

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

Existing

Changed

New/Proposed

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

The aim of the new policy is to authorise the Private Sector Housing Manager to exercise full enforcement powers in respect of “The smoke and carbon monoxide alarm (England) regulations 2015”. Under section 150(9) of the Energy Act 2013 and section 250(6) (f) of the Housing Act 2004, which came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015. This legislation places a statutory duty on local housing authorities to apply the regulations.

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

The legislation applies specifically to tenants living in the private rented sector and is designed to ensure minimum provision of smoke detection is provided within all privately rented properties.

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.

<b>Group or Protected Characteristics</b>	<b>Potentially positive impact</b>	<b>Potentially negative impact</b>	<b>No impact</b>
Age – including older people and younger people.	Advanced warning of fire and carbon monoxide within the home if requiring more time to escape.	None	Additional safety measures
Disabled people – physical, mental and sensory including learning disabled people and people living with HIV/Aids and cancer.	Advanced warning of fire and carbon monoxide within the home if requiring more time to escape.	None	Additional safety measures.
Gender – men, women and transgender.	None	None	Additional safety measures
Marital status including civil partnership.	None	None	Additional safety measures
Pregnant women and people on maternity/paternity. Also consider breastfeeding mothers.	Advanced warning of fire or carbon monoxide if requiring longer to escape.	None	Additional safety measures.
Sexual Orientation – Heterosexual, Lesbian, gay men and bi-sexual people.	None	None	Additional safety measures
Ethnic Groups	None	None	Additional safety measures
Religions and Beliefs including those with no religion and/or beliefs.	None	None	Additional safety measures
Other groups e.g. those experiencing deprivation and/or health inequalities.	Groups experiencing deprivation/ health	None	Additional safety measures

	<p>inequalities are more likely to live in the private sector and potentially in poorer quality accommodation. The provision of advanced warning of fire or carbon monoxide is more likely to ensure those groups exit a property safely in event of a fire.</p>		
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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:

The smoke and carbon monoxide alarm (England) regulations 2015 will not have a negative impact on any of the protected characteristics listed in question 3 above.

Please e-mail this form to the Policy Service before moving this work forward so that we can confirm that either a full EIA is not needed or offer you further advice and support should a full EIA be necessary.