

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: Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy 2016 - 2020

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

Existing

Changed

New/Proposed

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

To implement the 2016 – 2020 Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy.

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

The strategy could benefit in the following ways:

- Owners of private sector empty homes
- Occupiers of properties in close proximity to empty homes
- Residents of the borough currently unable to secure appropriate accommodation.
- CBC by way of debt recovery and additional Council Tax revenue

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. | A robust policy, that prevents empty homes from deterioration / anti social behaviour etc may have a positive impact on those living locally, which may include those with protected characteristics. Additionally, bringing empty homes back into use, will provide additional accommodation which may be accessed by those with protected characteristics. | None | |
| Disabled people – physical, mental and sensory including learning disabled people and people living with HIV/Aids and cancer. | | None | |
| Gender – men, women and transgender. | | None | |
| Marital status including civil partnership. | | None | |
| Pregnant women and people on maternity/paternity. Also consider breastfeeding mothers. | | None | |
| Sexual Orientation – Heterosexual, Lesbian, gay men and bi-sexual people. | | None | |
| Ethnic Groups | | None | |
| Religions and Beliefs including those with no religion and/or beliefs. | | None | |
| Other groups e.g. those experiencing deprivation and/or health inequalities. | | None | |

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 Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy will not have a negative impact on any of the protected characteristics of those mentioned 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.