

Chesterfield Borough Council Equality Impact Assessment – Preliminary Assessment Form

<i>Title of the policy, project, service, function or strategy:</i>	Good conduct certificates – questionnaire	
<i>Service Area:</i>	Licensing	
<i>Section:</i>		
<i>Lead Officer:</i>	Trevor Durham	
<i>Date of assessment:</i>	29/09/22	
<i>Is the policy, project, service, function or strategy:</i>		
<i>Existing</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Changed</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>New / Proposed</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Section 1 – Clear aims and objectives

1. What is the aim of the policy, project, service, function or strategy?

To amend the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy in that good conduct certificates will no longer be required from applicants for a taxi or private hire drivers licence if the person concerned provides acceptable answers to a standard questionnaire on their offending history outside of the UK.

2. Who is intended to benefit from the policy and how?

Applicants from countries suffering war or other turmoil who have experienced difficulties in obtaining this documentation as there are either no records to be accessed or the person fears for their safety if their former state became aware of their whereabouts.

3. What outcomes do you want to achieve?

Less delay for applicants who are unable to obtain the good conduct certificate so long as they can show residence in the UK for a continuous period of ten years or provide acceptable answers to the questions posed.

Section 2 – What is the impact?

4. Summary of anticipated impacts. <i>Please tick at least one option per protected characteristic. Think about barriers people may experience in accessing services, how the policy is likely to affect the promotion of equality, knowledge of customer experiences to date. You may need to think about sub-groups within categories eg. older people, younger people, people with hearing impairment etc.</i>			
	Potentially positive impact	Potentially negative impact	No disproportionate impact
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
Disability and long term conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
Gender and gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
Marriage and civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
Pregnant women and people on parental leave	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√
Ethnicity	√	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion and belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	√

Section 3 – Recommendations and monitoring

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.

5. Should a full EIA be completed for this policy, project, service, function or strategy?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<i>Please explain the reasons for this decision:</i> The proposed change to the policy will bring about positive outcomes for those people with different ethnic backgrounds. Applicants will be referred to the committee, irrespective of how long they have been resident in the UK.		

Section 6 – Knowledge management and publication

Please note the draft EIA should be reviewed by the appropriate Service Manager and the Policy Service **before** WBR, Lead Member, Cabinet, Council reports are produced.

Reviewed by Head of Service/Service Manager	Name:	Trevor Durham
	Date:	29/09/22
Reviewed by Policy Service	Name:	Alison Potter
	Date:	03/10/22
Final version of the EIA sent to Policy Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Decision information sent to Policy Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	