

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: Business Planning and Strategy
Lead Officer: Alison Craig

Title of the policy, project, service, function or strategy the preliminary EIA is being produced for: **Home Energy Conservation Act Further Report 2015 Biennial Review**

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

- Existing
- Changed
- New/Proposed

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

The Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 (HECA) recognises local authorities' ability to use their position to significantly improve the energy efficiency of all the residential accommodation in their area. Local Authorities are required to report on the measures and actions they propose to take to achieve this aim in a 'further report'

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

Those living with a disability or long-term illness, the young and the elderly are deemed especially vulnerable to fuel poverty as they tend to spend more time in the home and thus their need for fuel is greater than other households. Often the general lack of resources within these low-income households means that they lack access to capital that could be used to improve their situation through energy efficiency improvements to the fabric of homes, to heating systems and to household appliances.

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

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:

Entitlement to energy efficiency measures through the plan will mostly be based on a definition of economic vulnerability not linked to any protected characteristic.

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.