

Equality Impact Assessment

Title of the policy/report /strategy/service	Local Air Quality Management – Executive report
Date	28/9/11
Lead Officer	Elaine Bird
Who else is involved in undertaking this assessment?	Gareth Rees – air quality officer

Step 1 – Overview of policy/function being assessed

A. Outline: What is the purpose of this policy? (specify aims and objectives) It is not a policy but a report updating members on the current air quality assessment and the need to extend the current air quality management area (AQMA) to reflect the current pollution levels
B. What specific groups is the policy designed to affect/impact? No specific groups however the proposal will have an impact on local residents and businesses within the proposed AQMA
C. Which groups have been consulted as part of the creation or review of the policy? No consultation has been undertaken to date however following the extension of the AQMA there is a requirement to consult with all stakeholders inc residents and businesses when the action plan has been developed.

Step 2 – What we already know and where there are gaps

A. List any existing information/data you have/monitor about different diverse groups in relation to this policy? Such as in relation to ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disability, age, gender, transgender etc. Data/information such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultation ▪ Previous Equality Impact Assessments ▪ Demographic information ▪ Anecdotal and other evidence
When the AQMA was originally established the Council carried out extensive consultation with the local community and this did not identify any equality issues which would have to be addressed in the future. Any information will need to be available in other formats and languages if required.
B. What does this information / data tell you about diverse group? If you do not hold or have access to any data/information on diverse groups, what do you need to begin collating / monitoring? (please list)
Not applicable

Step 3 – Do we need to seek the views of others? If so, who?

<p>A. In light of the answers you have given in step 2, do you need to consult with specific groups to identify needs / issues? If not please explain why.</p> <p>No – there is a duty on the local authority to declare an AQMA when the national air quality objectives are not met. This action will not have an impact on any particular group provided that information is available in other formats as necessary.</p>
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Step 4 – Assessing the impacts

	In light of any data/consultation/information and your own knowledge and awareness, please identify whether the policy has a positive or negative impact on the groups specified and provide an explanation for your decision. (please refer to the general duties on the front page)
A. Age	Pollution objective levels are health based standards – poor air quality can have an adverse affect on members of the public with repertory problems and the elderly and the young are particularly susceptible to these health impacts.
B. Disability (physical, visual, hearing, learning disabilities, mental health)	See above
C. Gender / Sex	Not applicable
D. Religious Belief	Not applicable
E. Racial Group	Not applicable
F. Sexual Orientation	Not applicable
G. Transgender	Not applicable
H. Other protected groups (pregnancy & maternity, marriage & civil partnership)	Not applicable
I. Other socially excluded groups (low literacy, priority neighbourhoods, socio-economic, etc)	Not applicable
J. All	

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Step 5 – Action Plan

Please include any identified concerns/actions/issues in this action plan: <i>The issues identified should inform your Service Plan and, if appropriate, your Consultation Plan</i>			
Question Number (Ref)	Action	Responsible Officer	Target Date
1	Provide information in other formats and languages where necessary and required.	Air Quality Officer	ASAP and on –going task for all air quality documentation

Step 6 – Who needs to know about the outcomes of this assessment and how will they be informed

	Who needs to know (Please tick)	How they will be informed (we have a legal duty to publish EIA's)
Employees		
Service users	No	
Partners and stakeholders	yes	During the consultation period for the revised action plan all stakeholders will be advised
Others	Yes	During the consultation period for the revised action plan all residents and business will be advised
To ensure ease of access, what other communication needs/concerns are there?		

Step 7 – Conclusion (to be completed and signed by the Service head)

Please delete as appropriate
I agree / disagree with this assessment /-action plan
If <i>disagree</i> , state action/s required, reasons and details of who is to carry them out with timescales:

Signed (Service Head):

Naman Rana

Date:

28th September 2011

Please send completed & signed assessment to the Equality and Diversity officer.