

Due Regard Record

Name of policy or activity: Year 1 Progress Report of the Council Housebuilding Cabinet Committee

What this record is for: By law the Council must, in the course of its service delivery and decision making, think about and see if it can eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations. This active consideration is known as, 'paying due regard', and it must be recorded as evidence. We pay due regard by undertaking equality analysis and using what we learn through this analysis in our service delivery and decision making. The purpose of this form is as a log of evidence of due regard.

When do I use this record? Every time you complete equality analysis on a policy or activity this record must be updated. Due regard must be paid, and therefore equality analysis undertaken, at 'formative stages' of policies and activities including proposed changes to or withdrawal of services. This record must be included as an appendix to any report to decision making bodies. Agenda Planning Groups will not accept any report which does not include evidence of due regard being paid via completion of an Equality Analysis Report.

How do I use this record: When you next undertake equality analysis open a Due Regard Record. Use it to record a summary of your analysis, including the reason for the analysis, the evidence considered, what the evidence told you about the protected groups, and the key findings from the analysis. This will be key information from Steps 1-7 of the Equality Analysis process set out in the Toolkit, and your Equality Analysis Report. This Due Regard Record is Step 8 of that process.

Date / Name	Summary of equality analysis
May 2014	<p>Within the Housing Service Strategy, it has been identified that the target groups that are affected by the Council's house building programme are people in need of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - affordable housing, - homelessness assistance, - supported housing for special needs groups, - owners and occupiers of poor condition housing - council and housing association tenants. <p>From that, it was identified that generally, there is an under provision of suitable accommodation for nearly all target groups. This has been reaffirmed in the most recent Strategic Housing Market Assessment.</p> <p>Decision making is affected by funding and other factors, such as the availability of building land suitable for particular groups e.g. the elderly or young families.</p> <p>There is no evidence of unlawful discrimination in relation to the provision of affordable housing.</p>