

# Equality analysis report

Use this report template to record your equality analysis. This report is a written record that demonstrates that you have shown *due regard* to the need to **eliminate unlawful discrimination**, **advance equality of opportunity** and **foster good relations** with respect to the personal characteristics protected by equality law. Due regard must be paid at formative stages of policy or service development, changes, or withdrawal.

To assist you in completing this report, please ensure you read the guidance notes in the Equality Analysis Toolkit and refer to the following Factsheets:

- Factsheet 1: Equality Profile of the Epping Forest District
- Factsheet 2: Sources of information about equality protected characteristics
- Factsheet 3: Glossary of equality related terms
- Factsheet 4: Common misunderstandings about the Equality Duty
- Factsheet 5: Frequently asked questions
- Factsheet 6: Reporting equality analysis to a committee or other decision making body

If you require further help, please contact the Performance Improvement Unit.

## Step 1. About the policy, service change or withdrawal

<b>Name of the policy, service or project: be specific</b>	<b>Business process improvement in Development Management</b>
Revised / new / withdrawal:	Revised
Intended aims / outcomes/ changes:	Prudent and efficient management of the Council's treasury management activities.
Relationship with other policies / projects:	Required as part of the overall budget.
Name of senior manager for the policy / project:	Bob Palmer
Name of policy / project manager:	Peter Maddock

## Step 2. Decide if the policy, service change or withdrawal is equality relevant

<p>Does the policy / project / service process involve, or have consequences for employees or other people? If yes, please state who will be affected. If yes, then the policy / project is equality relevant. If no, state your reasons for this decision. Go to step 7. <i>The majority of Council policies and projects are equality relevant because they affect employees or our communities in some way.</i></p>	<p>If yes, state which protected groups: n/a If no, state reasons for your decision: No as only covers the internal issue of managing the Council's treasury function and no impact on external service delivery or groups with protected characteristics.</p>
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### Step 3. Gather evidence to inform the equality analysis

What evidence have you gathered to help you understand the impact of your policy or service change or withdrawal on people? What does your evidence say about the people with the protected characteristics? If there is no evidence available for any of the characteristics, please explain why this is the case, and your plans to obtain relevant evidence. Please refer to Factsheet 2 ‘Sources of evidence for the protected characteristics’

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Evidence (name of research, report, guidance, data source etc)</b>	<b>What does this evidence tell you about people with the protected characteristics?</b>
Age		
Dependents / caring responsibilities		
Disability		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Race / ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sex		
Sexual orientation		

### Steps 4 & 5 Analyse the activity, policy or change (*The duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination*)

Based on the evidence you have analysed, describe any actual or likely adverse impacts that may arise as a result of the policy decision. Where actual or likely adverse impacts have been identified, you should also state what actions will be taken to mitigate that negative impact, ie what can the Council do to minimise the negative consequences of its decision or action.

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Actual or likely adverse impacts identified</b>	<b>Actions that are already or will be taken to reduce the negative effects identified</b>
Age		
Dependents / caring responsibilities		
Disability		
Gender reassignment		
Marriage and civil partnership		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Race / ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sex		
Sexual orientation		

### Step 6. - The duty to advance equality of opportunity

Can the policy, service or project help to advance equality of opportunity in any way? If yes, provide details. If no, provide reasons. (Note: not relevant to marriage and civil partnership)

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Ways that this policy, service or project can advance equality of opportunity</b>	<b>Why this policy, service or project cannot help to advance equality of opportunity:</b>
Age		
Dependents / caring responsibilities		
Disability		
Gender reassignment		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Race / ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sex		
Sexual orientation		

### The duty to foster good relations

Can the policy, service or project help to foster good relations in any way? If yes, provide details. If no, provide reasons. (Note: not relevant to marriage and civil partnership)

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>How this policy, service or project can foster good relations:</b>	<b>Why this policy, service or project cannot help to foster good relations:</b>
Age		
Dependents / caring responsibilities		
Disability		
Gender reassignment		
Pregnancy and maternity		
Race / ethnicity		
Religion or belief		
Sex		
Sexual orientation		

### Step 7. Documentation and Authorisation

<b>Summary of actions to be taken as a result of this analysis (add additional rows as required):</b>	<b>Name and job title of responsible officer</b>	<b>How and when progress against this action will be reported</b>
1. <i>None, as the analysis above has determined that no actual or likely adverse impacts would arise as a result of this project.</i>	Peter Maddock	N/A

Name and job title of officer completing this analysis:	Peter Maddock Assistant Director
Date of completion:	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Name & job title of responsible officer: (If you have any doubts about the completeness or sufficiency of this equality analysis, advice and support are available from the Performance Improvement Unit)	Bob Palmer Director of Resources
Date of authorisation:	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
Date signed copy and electronic copy forwarded to PIU <a href="mailto:equality@eppingforestdc.gov.uk">equality@eppingforestdc.gov.uk</a>	

### **Step 8. Report your equality analysis to decision makers:**

Your findings from this analysis (and any previous analysis) must be made available to a decision making body when it is considering the relevant service or policy. Therefore you must:

- Reflect the findings from this analysis in a 'Due Regard Record' (template available), and attach it as an appendix to your report. The Record can be updated as your policy or service changes develop, and it exists as a log of evidence of due regard;
- Include this equality information in your verbal report to agenda planning groups or directly to portfolio holders and other decision making groups.

### **Your summary of equality analysis must include the following information:**

- If this policy, service change or withdrawal is relevant to equality, and if not, why not;
- The evidence base (information / data / research / feedback / consultation) you used to help you understand the impact of what you are doing or are proposing to do on people with protected characteristics;
- What the evidence base (information / data / research / feedback / consultation) told you about people with protected characteristics;
- What you found when you used that evidence base to assess the impact on people with the protected characteristics;
- Whether or not your policy or service changes could help to advance quality of opportunity for people with any of the protected characteristics;
- Whether or not your policy or service changes could help to foster good relations between communities.