

**Equality Impact Assessment Screening Form – 2017/8**

**Please ensure that you refer to the Screening Form Guidance while completing this form. If you would like further guidance please contact the Access to Services team (see guidance for details).**

**Section 1**

Which service area and directorate are you from?

Service Area:            Housing and Public Protection

Directorate:            Place

**Q1(a) WHAT ARE YOU SCREENING FOR RELEVANCE?**

Service/ Function	Policy/ Procedure	Project	Strategy	Plan	Proposal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**(b) Please name and describe here:**

**Homelessness Strategy 2018-2022**

The Housing Act (Wales) 2014 places a responsibility on all local authorities to produce a four year homelessness strategy by the end of 2018 to set out how the Council plans to tackle homelessness in its area over a four year period. The strategy must have a detailed action plan to address gaps in service provision and must include plans for:

- The prevention of homelessness
- Securing accommodation for people who are homeless or are threatened with homelessness
- Provision of support for people who are homeless or are threatened with homelessness

**Q2(a) WHAT DOES Q1a RELATE TO?**

Direct front line service delivery	Indirect front line service delivery	Indirect back room service delivery
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (H)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (M)	<input type="checkbox"/> (L)

**(b) DO YOUR CUSTOMERS/CLIENTS ACCESS THIS...?**

Because they need to	Because they want to	Because it is automatically provided to everyone in Swansea	On an internal basis i.e. Staff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> (M)	<input type="checkbox"/> (M)	<input type="checkbox"/> (L)

**Q3 WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE FOLLOWING...**

	High Impact (H)	Medium Impact (M)	Low Impact (L)	Don't know (H)
Children/young people (0-18)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Older people (50+)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other age group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race (including refugees)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asylum seekers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gypsies & travellers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or (non-)belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual Orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welsh Language	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poverty/social exclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carers (inc. young carers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community cohesion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage & civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q4 WHAT ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION / CO-PRODUCTIVE APPROACHES WILL YOU UNDERTAKE?**

**Please provide details below – either of your planned activities or your reasons for not undertaking engagement**

Consultation has been undertaken with a range of stakeholder as part of the development of the Homelessness Review – which is the evidence base for the development of the strategy. This has included:

- 4 focus groups with service users
- Service User Survey
- An on-line survey with the general public
- 2 consultation events with providers of support, homelessness and housing services.

There will be a full public consultation process once the strategy has been completed. This is anticipated to take place over the summer. Further opportunities will be provided for service user involvement in this process.

A draft objective in the Homelessness Strategy is to ensure that service users are at the centre of service delivery. This will be done by ensuring that the principles of co-production are incorporated into the design and delivery of services to ensure that people with experience of homelessness have a voice and involvement in planning services aimed at helping them.

**Q5(a) HOW VISIBLE IS THIS INITIATIVE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC?**

High visibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (H)	Medium visibility <input type="checkbox"/> (M)	Low visibility <input type="checkbox"/> (L)
<b>(b) WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL RISK TO THE COUNCIL'S REPUTATION?</b> <i>(Consider the following impacts – legal, financial, political, media, public perception etc...)</i>		
High risk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (H)	Medium risk <input type="checkbox"/> (M)	Low risk <input type="checkbox"/> (L)

**Q6 Will this initiative have an impact (however minor) on any other Council service?**

Yes       No      **If yes, please provide details below**

The Strategy is likely to identify actions that can only be achieved in partnership with other council services and partners. For example a key action aimed at supporting the objective to prioritise early intervention and prevention of homelessness is to “*Strengthen pathways between services across the local authority, voluntary agencies, health and housing sectors, to ensure that staff have sufficient awareness and training to appropriately signpost and enable individuals to access the help that they need at the earliest opportunity*”.

There will be a range of other actions that are relevant to council services and other partners. Consultation will take place with the all relevant departments, services and organisations and a key question in the consultation process will be:

*“Would any of the key principles or draft objectives have a negative impact/conflict with your service’s/organisation’s own priorities?”*

**Q7 HOW DID YOU SCORE?**

*Please tick the relevant box*

**MOSTLY H and/or M → HIGH PRIORITY →  EIA to be completed  
Please go to Section 2**

**MOSTLY L → LOW PRIORITY / NOT RELEVANT →  Do not complete EIA  
Please go to Q8 followed by Section 2**

**Q8 If you determine that this initiative is not relevant for an EIA report, you must provide a full explanation here. Please ensure that you cover all of the relevant protected groups.**

## Section 2

NB: Please email this completed form to the Access to Services Team for agreement before obtaining approval from your Head of Service. Head of Service approval is only required via email – no electronic signatures or paper copies are needed.

Screening completed by:
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