

Equality Impact Assessment [version 2.12]



Title: Green Gas	
<input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Strategy <input type="checkbox"/> Function <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Other [please state]	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Already exists / review <input type="checkbox"/> Changing
Directorate: Property Assets & Infrastructure	Lead Officer name: David Gray
Service Area: City Leap Client	Lead Officer role: Energy Supply Manager

Step 1: What do we want to do?

The purpose of an Equality Impact Assessment is to assist decision makers in understanding the impact of proposals as part of their duties under the Equality Act 2010. Detailed guidance to support completion can be found here [Equality Impact Assessments \(EqIA\) \(sharepoint.com\)](#).

This assessment should be started at the beginning of the process by someone with a good knowledge of the proposal and service area, and sufficient influence over the proposal. It is good practice to take a team approach to completing the equality impact assessment. Please contact the [Equality and Inclusion Team](#) early for advice and feedback.

1.1 What are the aims and objectives/purpose of this proposal?

Briefly explain the purpose of the proposal and why it is needed. Describe who it is aimed at and the intended aims / outcomes. Where known also summarise the key actions you plan to undertake. Please use plain English, avoiding jargon and acronyms. Equality Impact Assessments are viewed by a wide range of people including decision-makers and the wider public.

<p>To seek approval to increase the proportion of BCC’s natural gas supply that is derived from ‘Green Gas’, as a decarbonisation measure.</p> <p>The combustion of natural gas to heat our buildings is one of the largest sources of the council’s greenhouse gas emissions. The council has significantly reduced the use of gas in recent years, and has a programme to replace gas heating with heat pumps and district heating. However, the council expects to have to continue to use gas as a heating fuel for some years, so is seeking interim measures to reduce the impact of this.</p> <p>An alternative to natural gas, which is a fossil fuel, is Green Gas (also known as Biomethane). This is a methane rich gas produced from non-fossil sources such as the breakdown of wastes or organic material under anaerobic conditions. It is proposed to increase the use of this type of gas to reduce the environmental impact of BCC’s gas usage.</p>

1.2 Who will the proposal have the potential to affect?

<input type="checkbox"/> Bristol City Council workforce	<input type="checkbox"/> Service users	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The wider community
<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioned services	<input type="checkbox"/> City partners / Stakeholder organisations	
Additional comments:		

1.3 Will the proposal have an equality impact?

Could the proposal affect access levels of representation or participation in a service, or does it have the potential to change e.g. quality of life: health, education, or standard of living etc.?

If ‘No’ explain why you are sure there will be no equality impact, then skip steps 2-4 and request review by Equality and Inclusion Team.

If 'Yes' complete the rest of this assessment, or if you plan to complete the assessment at a later stage please state this clearly here and request review by the Equality and Inclusion Team.


<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	[please select]
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Although targeted at BCC's environmental impact, this is essentially a commodity supply contract for an essential service necessary to maintain the BCC estate. It has no direct bearing on any group, it helps towards wider decarbonisation targets.

The BCC procurement process ensures that any contractors adhere to BCC's equalities regulations. As part of the commissioning process, providers will be required to demonstrate a good understanding of Equality Act 2010 requirements and the public sector equality duty; There will be ongoing quality assurance and monitoring of framework providers.

Step 5: Review

The Equality and Inclusion Team need at least five working days to comment and feedback on your EqIA. EqIAs should only be marked as reviewed when they provide sufficient information for decision-makers on the equalities impact of the proposal. Please seek feedback and review from the [Equality and Inclusion Team](#) before requesting sign off from your Director¹.

Equality and Inclusion Team Review: <i>Reviewed by Equality and Inclusion Team</i>	Director Sign-Off:  Peter Anderson Director of Property, Assets & Infrastructure
Date: 29/7/2024	Date: 29/07/2024

¹ Review by the Equality and Inclusion Team confirms there is sufficient analysis for decision makers to consider the likely equality impacts at this stage. This is not an endorsement or approval of the proposal.