



Title: Approval to Draw Down WECA DIF Funding Award for Hengrove Park Enabling Infrastructure	
<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
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Service Area: Housing Delivery	Lead Officer role: Senior Housing Development 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.

This draft Cabinet Report deals with arrangements for drawing down and spending £19.8m of WECA grant funding to deliver enabling works for the Council’s and Goram Homes’ future housing development at Hengrove Park.

1.2 Who will the proposal have the potential to affect?

<input type="checkbox"/> Bristol City Council workforce	<input checked="" 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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This Cabinet Report seeks approval to draw down and spend £19.8m of WECA grant funding to deliver enabling works for the Council’s and Goram Homes’ future housing development at Hengrove Park. We have not identified any significant negative Equalities impacts from the proposal, which will deliver more Affordable Housing in the city and will therefore positively impact Equalities groups/ people with protected characteristics.

Each phase of the future housing development, new public park and community and sports facilities will be taken forward through the development process (i.e. detailed design, planning consent, construction etc.) by Goram Homes. However this is outside the scope of the current Cabinet Report, which is seeking Cabinet Approval draw down enabling grant funding which we have secured from WECA.

The Council has already secured Outline Planning Consent (19/02632/PB) for the overall masterplan development at Hengrove Park, which will be delivered by Goram Homes. When individual phases are brought forward for development (outside scope of this Cabinet Report), the public consultation strategy for each Reserved Matters planning application will be developed to ensure citizens from all communities and protected characteristic groups are considered and can fully engage in the process.

The future housing development will deliver much needed new housing, including providing c. 720 Affordable Homes over the next 5 to 10 years, and improving local community facilities for residents. Delivery of Affordable Housing is likely to positively impact citizens from communities on the basis of their protected equalities characteristics, who are likely to be disproportionately represented among those in greatest housing need.

The lack of affordable housing causes homelessness and the people who are owed a homelessness duty by the council are disproportionately young people, disabled people, Black Asian Minority Ethnic people and lone parents who are mainly women. Lack of accessible housing mainly affects older people and disabled people.

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.

<p>Equality and Inclusion Team Review: <i>Reviewed by Equality and Inclusion Team</i></p>	<p>Director Sign-Off: Donald Graham, Director Housing and Landlord Services</p>  <p>Richard James Interim Head of Business Development (in-lieu of Director of Housing & Landlord Services)</p>
<p>Date: 01/9/2023</p>	<p>Date: 01/09/2023</p>

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.