Equality Impact Assessment [version 2.9]



| Title: Bristol Avon Flood Strategy | |
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| ☐ Policy ☐ Strategy ☐ Function ☐ Service | ☐ New |
| ☐ Other: Outline Business Case | ☑ Already exists / review ☐ Changing |
| Directorate: Economy of Place | Lead Officer name: Matthew Sugden |
| Service Area: City Transport | Lead Officer role: Project 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 <u>Equality and Inclusion Team</u> 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 <u>plain English</u>, avoiding jargon and acronyms. Equality Impact Assessments are viewed by a wide range of people including decision-makers and the wider public.

To seek Cabinet approval of the Bristol Avon Flood Strategy Outline Business Case and its submission to the Environment Agency for assurance review. To seek Cabinet approval to bid for, accept and spend funding to progress the development of detailed designs, Full Business Case (FBC) and consents.

1.2 Who will the proposal have the potential to affect?

| ☐ Bristol City Council workforce | ☐ Service users | ☑ The wider community |
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| ☐ Commissioned services | ☐ City partners / Stakeholder organisations | |
| Additional comments: Delivery of the flood strategy will impact a range of stakeholders. At this stage, we are seeking approval to progress to the design stage. The design of defences and the impact on communities will be an iterative process informed by equalities impact assessments, engagement with affected communities and formal consultation. | | |

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.

| The proposal does not introduce any new policy nor seek approval of any designs or to progress to delivery stage. Full EqIA's will be carried out at the appropriate time prior to seeking approval of any design or to commence construction. |
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Step 5: Review

☐ Yes

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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 <u>Equality and Inclusion Team</u> before requesting sign off from your Director¹.

| Equality and Inclusion Team Review: Reviewed by Equality and Inclusion Team | Director Sign-Off: Alex Hearn |
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| Date: 27/10/2023 | Date: 08 January 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.