

Appendix A – Impact Assessment (IA)

Name of the project, policy, service, or strategy:	Vehicle Age Policy		
Responsible officer:	Chris Ward		
Service Lead:	Elizabeth Hindle		
Date of assessment:	12/09/2023	Date of review:	

Introduction

Overview

What is an Impact Assessment?

The Impact Assessment is a tool to ensure that any policy, project, strategy, or service is assessed to consider any positive or negative impacts for all our residents with regards to equalities, health and sustainability. It is important that this is done in a timely manner and ideally it should precede the start of the project, policy or strategy concerned at Chorley Council or South Ribble Borough Council.

Who is the Impact Assessment for?

The responsibility of conducting the Impact Assessment is with the leading officer of the policy that is being assessed, with service leads responsible for the final sign off of the assessment. Once complete and signed off, the Impact Assessments are submitted to Performance and Partnerships, who are responsible for storing, monitoring, and ensuring the quality of the assessments. The assessment tool covers both Chorley and South Ribble Borough Council.

Why do we need to do Impact Assessments?

As Councils, we are committed as community leaders, service providers, and employers. Therefore, we will work to ensure that everybody is afforded equality of opportunity and good life chances. The Impact Assessment is a tool we use to ensure that we fulfil these commitments and thus meet our legal duties.

Instructions

Quick steps for completion

Follow the quick steps below when completing the Impact Assessment:

1. Sections: There are three sections to the Impact Assessment. These include:

- Equality impact: the impact on the nine equality strands, which include age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, and marriage and civil partnership. See the **Equality Framework**.
- Health and environmental impact: the impact on health and wellbeing as well as the environment.
- Reputational impact: the impact on the Councils' reputation and our ability to deliver our key priorities. Reference should be made to the Corporate Strategies.

2. Rating and evidence: Each section has a number of questions that should be given a rating and evidence given for why the rating has been selected. This allows us to quantify the impact. The rating key is outlined below:

Code	Description
P	Positive impact
N	Negative impact
NI	Neutral impact

3. Actions: Once a rating is given, actions should be identified to mitigate any negative impacts or maximise any positive impacts of the policy, project, or strategy that is being assessed.

4. Sign off: Once the assessment is completed, sign off is required by a Service Lead.

5. Submit: Once signed off, the Impact Assessment should be sent to the Performance and Partnerships Team, who will store the assessment securely and check for quality.

6. Follow up: Actions should be implemented and changes should be made to the policy, project, or strategy that has been assessed, with follow ups conducted annually to monitor progress.

Information and Support

Contact details

To submit your completed Impact Assessment or for guidance and support, please contact Performance and Partnerships at performance@chorley.gov.uk or performance@southribble.gov.uk

Equality Impact

Area for consideration	P	N	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity have upon:					
Those of different ages?			X		
Those with physical or mental disability?	X			<p>The council policy should make available vehicles accessible to wheelchair bound passengers.</p> <p>The report identifies the risk in the attached unmet demand survey if the council does not licence a percentage of its vehicles in line with DFT guidance.</p> <p>Recommendation to change the policy to address this risk.</p>	
Those who have undergone or are undergoing gender reassignment?			X		
Those who are pregnant or are parents?			X		
Those of different races?			X		

Those of different religions or beliefs?			X		
Those of different sexes?			X		
Those of different sexual orientations?			X		
Those who are married or in a civil partnership?			X		
Socio-economic equality or social cohesion?			X		

Health, Social and Environmental Impact

Area for consideration	P	N	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity have upon:					
Enabling residents to start well (pre-birth to 19)?			X		
Enabling residents to live well (16 to 75 years)?			X		
Enabling residents to age well (over 65 years)?			X		
Natural environment?			X		
Air quality and pollution?			X		
Natural resources?			X		
Rurality?			X		

Strategic Impact

Area for consideration	P	N	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity make upon:					
The Councils' reputation?	X	X			
Our ability to deliver the Corporate Strategy? <i>(Please refer to the Strategic Objectives)</i>			X		

