# **Equality analysis** for Cabinet reports



Date of meeting: 2 August 2022

## About equality analysis

Every day, decisions are made within and by Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council that affect the lives of local people, service users and our employees. We use equality analysis as a tool to help us make fair, sound and transparent decisions that are based on a robust understanding of the needs and rights of the groups and individuals who may be affected.

Equality analysis is an integral part of our decision-making process. It is carried out in respect of any decisions that are taken by the Cabinet or the Borough Council. It is not carried out for reports that are for 'information only'.

The outcome of our equality analysis is summarised within relevant reports to Cabinet or Borough Council, and the full equality analyses are published alongside relevant committee papers on our website. Equality analyses in respect of confidential reports will not be published.

For more information about equality analysis or what we are doing to further equality in Redcar & Cleveland, visit our website at Equality and diversity information | Redcar and Cleveland (redcarcleveland.gov.uk).

# Reports to Cabinet and Borough Council Equality Analysis



### This proforma should <u>not</u> be completed for Information Only reports

The fully completed EA proforma should be considered by the relevant DMT, EMT and by Corporate Clearance in advance of the report going to Cabinet/Borough Council. A summary of the EA should be provided in the relevant section of the Member Report.

Guidance on conducting Equality Analysis can be found on the intranet – search for "Equality Analysis." Alternatively, you can find it at: <u>www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/equality</u>

# A) About the Decision

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Head of Serv	vice:		Robert Hoof Assistant Director - Environment			
	-	e decision/docum	ent			
Transport fo		· - · · ·				
		•	Redcar & Clevela	nd.		
Decision is to approve the plan						
Decision-ma	iking body					
	Cabinet X		Borough Council			
Date report considered:	being	2 August 2022	ugust 2022			

# **B) Equality Impact Analysis**

1. What information have you used to analyse the effects on equality, particularly in relation to protected groups?

Market research carried out with residents and businesses in the Borough.

STP Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Report

2. What has this information told you about the potential effect on equality, particularly in relation to protected groups?

Market research - The improvements in connectivity should benefit the respondents who said that they were limited in their day-to-day activities by a transport constraint that meant a health problem or disability was exacerbated (8%). The connectivity will be especially beneficial for journeys to health appointments, social events, employment and shopping.

Integrated Appraisal Report – improvements to walking, cycling and public transport connectivity will enhance long term economic prosperity as more people are better connected to opportunities, with fewer barriers to travel.

#### 3. The Equality Act Aims to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- Advance equality of opportunity
- Foster good relations

Taking into account your equality analysis, and with these three aims in mind, what is your assessment of the likely impact of the policy/decision on the following:

	Likely to benefit	Likely to disadvantage	No specific impact
People from different age groups	X		
Men or women			X
Women who are pregnant or have recently given birth			x
People have undergone, proposing to, or undergoing gender reassignment			x
People with disabilities or carers	X		
People from different religions, belief or faith (including those with no belief)			x
People of different race or ethnicity			x
People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual			X
People who are married or in a civil partnership			x
People and families on lower incomes*	x		
People and families who are homeless*			X
People who have served in the armed forces*			x
Looked after children*			X

\* these groups are not protected by the Equality Act but are still potentially vulnerable or at risk of exclusion

#### 4. What is the reasoning behind your assessment of impact on equality

The proposals to improve transport connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists will be of benefit to the groups listed above by virtue of providing accessible, safe, local routes in, and between, places that can be used at low cost. The proposals for rail infrastructure will also improve accessibility for disabled people.

# 5. What actions will be, or have been taken to either mitigate any negative impact, or create a positive impact?

The design of each specific scheme will include consideration of the protected/at risk groups as part of the approvals process.

The Council will procure a specialist consultant to provide independent advice on equalities over the period of the plan.

6. How and when you will monitor and review the impact that the decision or policy has had on protected groups

Impacts on the ground will be followed up during the project close process.

# C. Quality Check / Approval Log

	Considered?	Comments/actions
Departmental Management Team		
Executive Management Team		
Corporate Clearance		

#### Appendix 2

# Template for Impact Assessment Level 1: Preliminary screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Corporate Plan Implementation	Quarter 4 2021/22				
This is a desision valation	X Strategy	Policy	Service	Function		
This is a decision relating	Process/procedure	Programme	Project	Review		
to:	Organisational change	Other (please state)	ase state)			
It is a:	New approach:		Revision of an existing	approach: Progress report		
Description:	<ul> <li>The report is asking Members to note the progress made in delivering the Corporate Plan to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, along with the Corporate Peer Challenge and Equality Objectives to the same timescales</li> </ul>					
Start date:	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022					
Lifespan:	The lifetime of the Corporate Pla	an – Summer 2023				
Date of next review:						

Screening questions				Evidence	
	No	Yes	Uncertain		
Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights	х			Outline the evidence supporting the assessment.	
<b>Equality</b> Could the decision result in adverse differential impacts on groups or individuals with characteristics protected in UK equality law?	х			Outline the evidence supporting the assessment.	
Other Impacts Could the decision impact negatively any other factor such as the environment or economic inequality	х			Outline the evidence supporting the assessment.	
<ul> <li>Next steps:</li> <li>If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed.</li> <li>If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed.</li> </ul>					

Assessment completed by:	Rob Mitchell	Head of Service:	Rob Mitchell
Date:	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Date:	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2022