

Equality Analysis Form

The following questions will document the effect of your service or proposed policy, procedure, working practice, strategy or decision (hereafter referred to as 'policy') on equality, and demonstrate that you have paid due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty.

1. RESPONSIBILITY

Department	Adult Care Services	
Service	Urban Renewal	
Proposed policy	Radcliffe Empty Property Pilot Project.	
Date	23 rd July 2012	
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2. AIMS

What is the purpose of the policy/service and what is it intended to achieve?	<p>Empty property is becoming a more prominent issue both nationally and locally – not just because of the visual impact empties can have in an area but the fact they are a wasted resource. Houses are lying empty whilst housing waiting lists are rising and demand for affordable housing is high.</p> <p>To address this issue, a pilot project has been developed jointly by Adult Care Services and Environment and Development Services, to tackle the problems of empty private sector properties in Radcliffe. Pending a positive response from Cabinet, the project will be delivered over the next 2-3 years and will target private sector properties which have remained empty for at least six months on a 'cluster' basis around the arterial routes into Radcliffe town Centre.</p> <p>The scheme funding will be used to support affordable housing solutions with Registered Providers, including Six Town Housing and private landlords by bringing at least 20</p>
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	<p>empty properties back into use.</p> <p>The scheme will act as a catalyst for action in tackling empty properties in the area in that no and low cost solutions will be employed to increase the number of empty properties dealt with and the impact of the project. Cabinet approval will be required in respect of the pilot and funding due to the level of resources involved.</p> <p>Through survey work and considering the impacts of all empty properties in Radcliffe (280 according to Council Tax records), four clusters along arterial routes containing 36 empty properties in total have been identified for action as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ainsworth Road/Lever Street • Bolton Road/Water Street/Water Lane • Bury Rd/Church St West/Cross Lane • Outwood Road/Albion Street/Stand Lane <p>The outcomes of the project will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing a number of empty properties back into use, tackling an underutilised resource • Meeting housing need and improving the housing offer in the area • Dealing with the significant negative impacts of empty properties • Increasing revenue to the Council via New Homes Bonus and Council Tax.
<p>Who are the main stakeholders?</p>	<p>Owners of empty properties Neighbours of empty properties Bury Council Six Town Housing Registered Housing Providers The residents of Radcliffe.</p>

3. ESTABLISHING RELEVANCE TO EQUALITY

**3a. Using the drop down lists below, please advise whether the policy/service has either a positive or negative effect on any groups of people with protected equality characteristics.
If you answer yes to any question, please also explain why and how that group of people will be affected.**

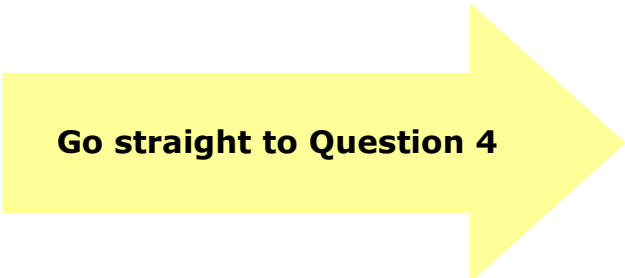
Protected equality characteristic	Positive effect (Yes/No)	Negative effect (Yes/No)	Explanation
Race	No	No	
Disability	No	No	
Gender	No	No	
Gender reassignment	No	No	
Age	No	No	
Sexual orientation	No	No	
Religion or belief	No	No	
Caring responsibilities	No	No	
Pregnancy or maternity	No	No	
Marriage or civil partnership	No	No	

3b. Using the drop down lists below, please advise whether or not our policy/service has relevance to the Public Sector Equality Duty. If you answer yes to any question, please explain why.

General Public Sector Equality Duties	Relevance (Yes/No)	Reason for the relevance
Need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010	No	
Need to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (eg. by removing or minimising disadvantages or meeting needs)	No	
Need to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (eg. by tackling prejudice or promoting understanding)	No	

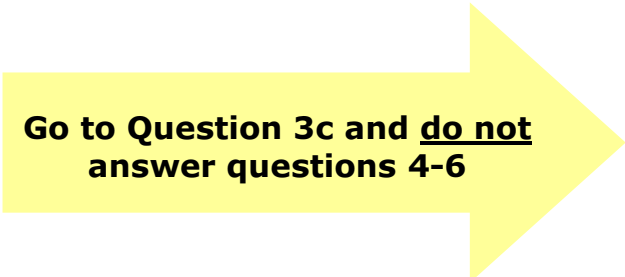
If you answered 'YES' to any of the questions in 3a and 3b

Go straight to Question 4



If you answered 'NO' to all of the questions in 3a and 3b

Go to Question 3c and do not answer questions 4-6



3c. If you have answered 'No' to all the questions in 3a and 3b please explain why you feel that your policy/service has no relevance to equality.

This initiative is area based and relates to the built environment only. The only negative effect will result from residents of other Bury wards not being able to benefit from the scheme. However, it is not possible to resource this initiative borough wide. Consequently, the report looks in depth at which area would most benefit in terms of need, deprivation and levels of other investment. As a result, Radcliffe was identified as being the most appropriate area due to high levels of empty properties and high levels of deprivation.

Should the scheme be successful it can be used for the purpose of further funding bids to make this initiative more widely available throughout the Bury area.

4. EQUALITY INFORMATION AND ENGAGEMENT

4a. For a service plan, please list what equality information you currently have available, **OR** for a new/changed policy or practice please list what equality information you considered and engagement you have carried out in relation to it.

Please provide a link if the information is published on the web and advise when it was last updated?

(NB. Equality information can be both qualitative and quantitative. It includes knowledge of service users, satisfaction rates, compliments and complaints, the results of surveys or other engagement activities and should be broken down by equality characteristics where relevant.)

Details of the equality information or engagement	Internet link if published	Date last updated

4b. Are there any information gaps, and if so how do you plan to tackle them?

5. CONCLUSIONS OF THE EQUALITY ANALYSIS

What will the likely overall effect of your policy/service plan be on equality?	
If you identified any negative effects (see questions 3a) or discrimination what measures have you put in place to remove or mitigate them?	
Have you identified any further ways that you can advance equality of opportunity and/or foster good relations? If so, please give details.	
What steps do you intend to take now in respect of the implementation of your policy/service plan?	

6. MONITORING AND REVIEW

If you intend to proceed with your policy/service plan, please detail what monitoring arrangements (if appropriate) you will put in place to monitor the ongoing effects. Please also state when the policy/service plan will be reviewed.

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