

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	Business Growth and Infrastructure	
Service	Strategic Planning and Infrastructure	
Proposed policy	<p>Following adoption of Places for Everyone Plan: A Joint Development Plan Document for nine Greater Manchester Local Authorities (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan) 2022-2039 (The Places for Everyone Plan), progression of the Northern Gateway (PfE; JPA1.1 and JPA1.2) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - endorsement of the principles of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which has been developed to formalise the joint working arrangements with Rochdale Council to progress work on Atom Valley and Northern Gateway; - endorsement the Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) as the preferred delivery vehicle for Northern Gateway; - Approval of the boundary and name of the Northern Gateway MDC; - endorsement of the proposed consultees; - Authorisation of the approval to consult on an MDC as the preferred delivery vehicle for Northern Gateway. 	
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2. AIMS

What is the purpose of the policy/service and what is it intended to achieve?	<p>'Places for Everyone' (PfE) sets out a plan for homes, jobs, and the environment across nine of the ten Greater Manchester districts (excluding Stockport). It sets out where we will build the new homes we need, where our businesses will locate to sustain and create jobs for our people, what infrastructure is needed to support the development and to protect and enhance our towns, cities and landscapes. It is proposed that the Plan will cover a timeframe up to 2039.</p> <p>Whilst one of the key purposes of PfE is to make provision for the homes and jobs needed across the plan area in a co-ordinated and managed way, it is also about establishing a framework for reducing inequalities, improving the lives of our residents and transforming Greater Manchester into a world-leading city-region.</p> <p>Northern Gateway (JPA1.1 and JPA1.2) is a strategic allocation within PfE.</p> <p>Further to Cabinet approval in September 2024 to endorse the development of joint working arrangements with Rochdale Council, approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Rochdale Council will now further cement alignment of our shared commitment to work together with our partners to deliver Northern Gateway.</p> <p>Following Cabinet endorsement in September 2024 to allow officers to explore potential delivery options for Northern Gateway, joint advice was commissioned between the Councils and Greater Manchester Combined Authority which concludes that a Mayoral Development Corporation is the most appropriate delivery vehicle to achieve our shared ambitions for the Northern Gateway. Approval to consult on the implementation of an MDC as the preferred delivery vehicle for Northern Gateway will allow the statutory process for implementation to progress.</p> <p>Approval of the proposed name and boundary of the Northern Gateway MDC will provide the material required to commence the statutory consultation process.</p>
Who are the main stakeholders?	<p>The main stakeholders involved in PfE are local residents, developers, landowners, businesses, planning and development consultants, statutory consultees, infrastructure providers, interest groups and representative bodies.</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	PfE has been subject to an Integrated Appraisal and part of this has involved and Equality Impact Assessment which has considered in its scope, the likely effects on discriminatory practices; the potential to alter the opportunities of certain groups of people; and/or effect on relationships between different groups of people, including race.
Disability	Yes	No	<p>PfE includes policies that seek to ensure that all neighbourhoods are designed to enable residents to live healthier, happier and more fulfilling lives, with the barriers to doing so minimised as far as possible. This must include recognising and responding to the difficulties that people may face due to age, disability, illness or financial circumstances.</p> <p>The Plan has also been subject to an Integrated Appraisal and part of this has involved and Equality Impact Assessment which has considered in its scope, the likely effects on discriminatory practices; the potential to alter the opportunities of certain groups of people; and/or effect on relationships between different groups of people, including disability.</p>
Gender	No	No	
Gender reassignment	No	No	PfE has been subject to an Integrated Appraisal and part of this has involved and Equality Impact Assessment which has considered in its scope, the likely effects on discriminatory practices; the potential to alter the opportunities of

			certain groups of people; and/or effect on relationships between different groups of people, including gender reassignment.
Age	Yes	No	<p>A number of the development allocations state that they will provide housing for elderly people.</p> <p>PfE has also been subject to an Integrated Appraisal and part of this has involved an Equality Impact Assessment which has considered in its scope, the likely effects on discriminatory practices; the potential to alter the opportunities of certain groups of people; and/or effect on relationships between different groups of people, including age.</p>
Sexual orientation	No	No	PfE has been subject to an Integrated Appraisal and part of this has involved an Equality Impact Assessment which has considered in its scope, the likely effects on discriminatory practices; the potential to alter the opportunities of certain groups of people; and/or effect on relationships between different groups of people, including sexual orientation.
Religion or belief	No	No	PfE has been subject to an Integrated Appraisal and part of this has involved an Equality Impact Assessment which has considered in its scope, the likely effects on discriminatory practices; the potential to alter the opportunities of certain groups of people; and/or effect on relationships between different groups of people, including religion or belief.
Caring responsibilities	No	No	
Pregnancy or maternity	No	No	PfE has been subject to an Integrated Appraisal and part of this has involved an Equality Impact Assessment which has considered in its scope, the likely effects on discriminatory practices; the potential to alter the opportunities of certain groups of people; and/or effect on relationships between different

			groups of people, including pregnancy or maternity.
Marriage or civil partnership	No	No	PfE has been subject to an Integrated Appraisal and part of this has involved and Equality Impact Assessment which has considered in its scope, the likely effects on discriminatory practices; the potential to alter the opportunities of certain groups of people; and/or effect on relationships between different groups of people, including marriage or civil partnership.

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)	Yes	<p>PfE will include policies that are specifically designed to make provision for special needs housing, including housing for the elderly as well as ensuring that all neighbourhoods are designed to enable residents to live healthier, happier and more fulfilling lives, with the barriers to doing so minimised as far as possible. This must include recognising and responding to the difficulties that people may face due to age, disability, illness or financial circumstances.</p> <p>Subject to Members providing approval to consult, consultation materials will be developed in accordance with Council policies to ensure equality of opportunity to engage in the consultation process.</p>
Need to foster good relations between people	No	

who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (eg. by tackling prejudice or promoting understanding)		
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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.

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4. EQUALITY INFORMATION AND ENGAGEMENT

4a. For a service plan, please list what equality information you currently have available (including a list of all EAs carried out on existing policies/procedures/strategies),

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
Following consultation on two previous drafts in 2016 and 2019		

(then referred to as the GMSF), and the invitation for representation on the Publication Plan in 2021 and proposed modifications in 2023 the Inspectors have issued their conclusions that the Plan is sound and legally compliant subject to their recommended modifications.		
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4b. Are there any information gaps, and if so how do you plan to tackle them?

No

5. CONCLUSIONS OF THE EQUALITY ANALYSIS

What will the likely overall effect of your policy/service plan be on equality?	Positive
If you identified any negative effects (see questions 3a) or discrimination what measures have you put in place to remove or mitigate them?	N/A
Have you identified any further ways that you can advance equality of opportunity and/or foster good relations? If so, please give details.	No
What steps do you intend to take now in respect of the implementation of your policy/service plan?	Following Members approval of the adoption of Places for Everyone, the Plan became a key part of Bury's statutory development plan and its policies will be used in the determination of planning applications. Following adoption, there was a six-week period for applications to challenge the plan through a Judicial Review.

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.

The PfE Joint Plan will be continually monitored in order to determine the effectiveness of its policies.

**COPIES OF THIS EQUALITY ANALYSIS FORM SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO ANY
REPORTS/SERVICE PLANS AND ALSO SENT TO YOUR DEPARTMENTAL
EQUALITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR RECORDING.**