

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) continues and the 'MDC Approval to Implement' Paper recommends Cabinet as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Note the outcome of the 'Atom Valley Northern Gateway MDC' consultation, as detailed within the Consultation Report. ii. Support designation of the 'Atom Valley Northern Gateway' Mayoral development area by the Greater Manchester Mayor (the Mayor) and the Mayor notifying the Secretary of State (SoS) of that designation. iii. Approve the draft governance and operational arrangements, including objectives, as set out in the draft constitution. iv. Delegates to the Northern Gateway Strategic Board to finalise the governance and operational arrangements for the proposed MDC. v. Agree Rochdale Council will be the MDC host Authority and Bury Council will be the partner Authority, subject to 2-year initial review then regularly on 5-year basis thereafter. vi. Notes that corresponding recommendations are to be presented to Rochdale Council, and that, if endorsed a further report will be presented to

	the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and GM Mayor to seek endorsement of these proposals. Accordingly, establishment of the Atom Valley Northern Gateway MDC is contingent on these respective decisions.	
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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. Northern Gateway (JPA1.1 and JPA1.2) is a strategic allocation within PfE.</p> <p>In September 2024 Cabinet authorised officers to explore potential delivery options for Northern Gateway, including a Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC). Eleven delivery options were identified within a longlist, as set out below, and RAG rated against a series of requirements. Four options were subsequently shortlisted, and an MDC emerged as the recommended vehicle.</p> <p>In March 2025 Cabinet endorsed an MDC as the preferred delivery vehicle for Northern Gateway along with the</p>
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	<p>proposed name and boundary for the purpose of the consultation process, which was subsequently endorsed and undertaken by GMCA and the Mayor.</p> <p>Following Cabinet approval to consult on the implementation of the '<i>Atom Valley Northern Gateway Mayoral Development Corporation</i>' within the proposed MDC Boundary, a public consultation was held by the Mayor, supported Bury and Rochdale Councils and the GMCA.</p> <p>The consultation was launched on 25th April 2025, for a period of 35-days, and closed on 8th June 2025.</p> <p>In alignment with the consultation, work has progressed, through the establishment of an MDC Working Group, to further define the detail of the key governance and operational matters for determination to support the proposed creation of an MDC.</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	PfE includes policies that seek to ensure that all neighbourhoods are designed to enable residents to live

			<p>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 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 disability.</p>
Gender	No	No	
Gender reassignment	No	No	<p>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 gender reassignment.</p>
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	<p>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</p>

			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 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 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 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 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,	No	

harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010		
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 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.

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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.		

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.