

Equality and Safety Impact Assessment

The **Public Sector Equality Duty** (Section 149 of the Equality Act) requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between different people carrying out their activities.

The Equality Duty supports good decision making – it encourages public bodies to be more efficient and effective by understanding how different people will be affected by their activities, so that their policies and services are appropriate and accessible to all and meet different people's needs. The Council's Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) includes an assessment of the community safety impact assessment to comply with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act and will enable the Council to better understand the potential impact of proposals and consider mitigating action.

Name or Brief
Description of
Proposal

SCC First Policy

Brief Service Profile (including number of customers)

The council's Procurement Service is delivered through the Strategic Services Partnership and manages all third party council spend above £1,000.

The SCC First policy is being developed to provide a framework for considering and appointing in-house services to deliver council requirements before commencing a procurement process.

Summary of Impact and Issues

The SCC First policy is an internal policy which will govern the utilisation of inhouse services across the council where SCC Best Value can be demonstrated and the in-house resource can meet council requirements.

There is currently an inconsistent approach to engaging with in-house services and as a result, in-house services often miss out on opportunities or are informed of them too late to enable them to properly plan, mobilise, respond and deliver.

The policy has been developed to support the effectively planning, resourcing and delivery of council requirements by in-house teams whilst ensuring that SCC Best Value can be demonstrated.

This policy should not adversely affect any protected groups as identified by the Equality Act 2010.

Potential Positive Impacts

The implementation of the SCC First policy will demonstrate the council's commitment to a consistent and transparent procurement approach. The impact will be positive to council services and staff, ensuring that services are delivered in-house where appropriate but also allowing for needs to meet through third parties when in-house services are unable to meet council needs or demonstrate best value to the council. It will also bring benefits to residents by ensuring best value for the city.

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Potential Impact

Impact Assessment	Details of Impact	Possible Solutions & Mitigating Actions
Age	No identified negative impacts.	N/A
Disability	No identified negative impacts.	N/A
Gender Reassignment	No identified negative impacts.	N/A
Marriage and Civil Partnership	No identified negative impacts.	N/A
Pregnancy and Maternity	No identified negative impacts.	N/A
Race	No identified negative impacts.	N/A
Religion or Belief	No identified negative impacts.	N/A
Sex	No identified negative impacts.	N/A
Sexual Orientation	No identified negative impacts.	N/A
Community Safety	No identified negative impacts.	N/A
Poverty	No identified negative impacts.	N/A
Health & Wellbeing	No identified negative impacts.	N/A
Other Significant Impacts	No identified negative impacts.	N/A

