

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

SCREENING DOCUMENT

Name of Proposal

Charging for Pre-application Advice in Planning

Lead Department/Service

Planning and Communities

What is the aim of the proposal?

The aim is to introduce charges for the provision of pre-application advice in planning to cover the costs of providing the service

Is this a new or a review of an existing policy, procedure, function or report?

Review of existing procedure. We currently provide pre-application advice free of charge

Screening Process

1. Has the proposal already been assessed for its impact on age; disability; gender; gender re-assignment; pregnancy/maternity; marriage and civil partnership; race; religion and belief; and sexual orientation? No.

1 b. Does the proposal involve or have consequences for the people the council serves or employs? No
If yes, go to 2. If no, go to 1 c.

1 c. Please state why not

The existing service would be enhanced, and a charge would be introduced.

The proposal is not relevant and no further action is required. Sign and date below at 3.

2. Is the proposal relevant to one or more of the protected characteristics? No.

2 a. Proceed to Step 1 of the Full Equality Impact Assessment on page 2.

2 b. Please state why not

The introduction of charging for an existing service would be the same across all characteristics and would not have particular relevance to any of the protected characteristics.

The proposal not relevant and no further action is required. Add your name, position and date below at 3.

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