

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Legal and Democratic Services – Review of Charges

The annual increase in Legal & Democratic Services. This proposal is in line with the Council's policy to have a standard increase in line with the RPI indicator. The RPI for 2020/21 budget is 3%.

Screening Process

Does the proposed saving involve or have consequences for the people the council serves or employs? **Yes**

If yes, proceed to step 1 of the Full Equality Impact Assessment below.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FULL ASSESSMENT

Step 1

What data/research is available to assess the likely impact of the proposed saving?

Increases in charges are in line with inflation and do not have a disproportionate effect on any protected group

Step 2

Is there any reason to believe the proposal could affect people differently due to their protected characteristic i.e. age; disability; gender; gender re-assignment; pregnancy/maternity; marriage and civil partnership; race; religion and belief; and sexual orientation? **No**.

Step 3

Is there evidence to suggest that any part of the proposed saving could unlawfully discriminate against people? **No**

Step 4

Can the proposed saving be seen to favour one section of the community or deny opportunities to another? **No**

Step 5

Does the proposed saving advance equality? **No**

Or restrict equality? **No**

Step 6

Based on the work you have done, please state the level of impact for any of the equality groups of the proposed saving in terms of high, medium, low, unknown.

Low impact.

Step 7

If during **Steps 2 - 5** there has been an adverse impact identified, consider if any adverse impact can be justified. **Not at this time.**

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