

# EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

## SCREENING DOCUMENT

**Name of Proposal**

Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

**Lead Department/Service**

Chief Executive as Parliamentary Returning Officer

What is the aim of the proposal?

To ensure that every elector in Angus has such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable and to ensure that so far as possible the accessibility needs of persons with a disability have been considered when designating polling places.

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

Review of existing polling scheme

### 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? **If yes, go to 1 a. If no, go to 1 b.**

**1 a.** Unless there have been significant changes, no further action is required. **Please add your name, position and date below at 3.**

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

**1 c.** Please state why not

**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? **If yes, go to 2 a. If no, go to 2 b.**

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

**2 b.** Please state why not

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

**3. Name:** Shona Cameron

**Position:** Manager – Elections, Commercialisation & Facilities **Date:** 14 February 2020

## FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### Step 1

Are there any statutory legal requirements affecting this proposal? If so please describe.

Section 18(c) of the Representation of the People Act 1983

### Step 2

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

Historic data, accessibility checklists, representations from members of the public

### Step 3

Is there any reason to believe the proposal could affect people differently due to their protected characteristic ie age; disability; gender; gender re-assignment; pregnancy/maternity; marriage and civil partnership; race; religion and belief; and sexual orientation? Please **place a cross** in each box that applies, and give details alongside.

Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility of polling places
Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility of polling places
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Gender Re-assignment	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Pregnancy/maternity	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Marriage and civil Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Race	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Religion and belief	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

### Step 4

Is there evidence to suggest that any part of the proposal could unlawfully discriminate against people? If so, how?

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### Step 5

Can the proposal be seen to favour one section of the community

Yes  No

or deny opportunities to another?

Yes  No

If yes, please give details.

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**Step 6**

Does the proposal advance or restrict equality?

Yes  No

If yes, give details

The proposal seeks to ensure that so far as possible the accessibility needs of the disabled have been considered when designating polling places.

**Step 7**

Are there any other actions which could have been taken to enhance equality of opportunity?

If so please state

No – polling places are continually under review to ensure that voters have reasonable facilities for voting in Angus. Postal votes are also now a popular way of voting for those who do not wish to attend a polling place.

**Step 8**

Based on the work you have done, rate the level of relevance being allocated to this proposal.

High  Medium  Low  Unknown

**Step 9**

If during **Steps 3 - 6** there has been an adverse impact identified, consider whether this can be justified.

Yes  No

If yes please give details.

If no, consider alternative ways of delivering the proposal to minimise negative impact or eliminate unlawful discrimination. Give details of the changes to be made to the proposal.

**Step 10**

Do you need to carry out a further impact assessment?

Yes  No

If yes, what actions do you need to take?

**Step 11**

Make arrangements to monitor and review the impact assessment.

The designation of polling places is under constant review and principles of section 18(c) followed when designating all new polling places

**Step 12**

Publish impact assessment.

Where will the Equality Impact Assessment be published?

Angus Council website

Please state your name, position and date, and forward this pro forma either to your designated Equality Impact Assessment Co-ordinator, or if it refers to a committee report, it should be forwarded with the report to committee services.

**Name: Shona Cameron**

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**Position: Projects and Elections Officer**

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**Date: 22 November 2013**

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