

Equality Impact Assessment Screening Form

Please ensure that you refer to the [‘Screening Form Guidance’](#) while completing this form. If you would like further guidance please contact the Equalities Officer – Dionne Llewellyn.

Section 1

What service area and directorate are you from?

Service Area: Public Protection and Housing

Directorate: Customer Services

Q1(a) WHAT ARE YOU SCREENING FOR RELEVANCE?

Service/ Function	Policy/ Procedure	Project	Strategy	Plan	Proposal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(b) Please name and describe below
Housing Choice – Common Housing Register Allocation Policy

Q2(a) WHAT DOES Q1a RELATE TO?

Direct front line service delivery	Indirect front line service delivery	Indirect back room service delivery
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> (M)	<input type="checkbox"/> (L)

(b) DO YOUR CUSTOMERS/CLIENTS ACCESS THIS SERVICE...?

Because they need to	Because they want to	Because it is automatically provided to everyone in Merthyr	On an internal basis i.e. Staff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> (M)	<input type="checkbox"/> (M)	<input type="checkbox"/> (L)

Q3 WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THE FOLLOWING...

	High Impact (H)	Medium Impact (M)	Low Impact (L)	Don't know (H)
Age	→ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	→→ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	→ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage & civil partnership	→ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity	→→ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	→ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or (non-)belief	→ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex	→ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual Orientation	→ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welsh Language	→ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poverty/social exclusion	→ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carers	→ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community cohesion	→ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4 Have you / will you undertake any public consultation and engagement relating to the initiative?

Yes No (If no, you need to consider whether you should be undertaking consultation and engagement – please see the guidance)

If yes, please provide details below

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Q5(a) HOW VISIBLE IS THIS SERVICE/FUNCTION/POLICY/PROCEDURE/ PROJECT/ STRATEGY TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC?

High visibility
to general public

(H)

Medium visibility
to general public

(M)

Low visibility
to general public

(L)

**(b) WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL RISK TO THE COUNCIL'S REPUTATION?
(Consider the following impacts – legal, financial, political, media, public perception etc...)**

High risk
to reputation

(H)

Medium risk
to reputation

(M)

Low risk
to reputation

(L)

**c) IS THE DELIVERY OF THIS INITIATIVE AFFECTED BY LEGISLATION OR OTHER DRIVERS SUCH AS CODES OF PRACTICE?
If so, please identify what and how?**

Section 167 of the Housing Act, as amended by the Homelessness Act 2002, requires all local authorities to have a published scheme, which determines the priority and procedure for the allocation of housing accommodation. The Act also states that a scheme must include a statement of the Housing Authority's policy on offering choice of accommodation, in addition to giving reasonable preference to those individuals who have a high level of housing need.

**Q6 HOW DID YOU SCORE?
Please tick the relevant box**

**MOSTLY H and/or M → HIGH PRIORITY → EIA to be completed
Please go to Section 2**

**MOSTLY L → LOW PRIORITY / NOT RELEVANT → Do not complete EIA
Please go to Q7 followed by Section 2**

Q7 If after completing the EIA screening process you determine that this service/function/policy/project is not relevant for an EIA you must provide adequate explanation below (Please use additional pages if necessary).

The new Housing Choice Allocations Policy supplements the Housing Choice website and bidding platform. The whole process will be streamlined and there will be the option of guidance should the applicant need it (in the form of assistants in the One Stop Shop and via telephone). The new website and bidding process will have a positive impact on homeseekers in Merthyr Tydfil.

The new process for allocating adapted properties has been made entirely transparent and will ensure that the person in most need of an adapted property is allocated the most suitable house available.

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Section 2

NB: Please send this completed form to obtain email approval from your Head of Service.

Screener- This to be completed by the person responsible for completing this screening	
Name: Jonathan Davies	
Location: 321	
Telephone Number: 5247	
Date: 26/01/2015	
Approval by Head of Service	
Name:	
Position:	
Date:	