

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: Finance

Directorate: Customer Services

Q1(a) WHAT ARE YOU SCREENING FOR RELEVANCE?

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

(b) Please name and describe below

Formal setting of the Council Tax and Budget Requirement for 2015/16 under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended).

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 type="checkbox"/> (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> (M)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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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Public Consultation undertaken and reported to Council on 28th January 2015. The results received were in favour of increasing council tax and maintaining services with 213 respondents in favour (79%) out of a total of 271 responses.

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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?

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).

Results of public consultation around Council Tax for 2015/16 have been previously reported to Cabinets of 19th December 2014, 28th January 2015 and 11th February 2015

A full EqIA report in relation to the Council Tax proposal will be completed as a result of this report to Council.

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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: Steve Jones
Location: Room 428
Telephone Number: 5220
Date: 4 th February 2015
Approval by Head of Service
Name: Steve Jones
Position: Chief Finance Officer
Date: 4 th February 2015