

Equality Impact Assessment Form

Please ensure that you refer to the 'Equality Impact Assessment Guidance' while completing this form. If you would like further guidance please contact the Equalities Officer or Equalities Team

Details
Name of Initiative to be assessed: Voluntary ban of release of sky lanterns from Council owned land and property
Name of responsible officer: Andrea Jones
Group/Directorate: Neighbourhood Services
Service Area: Estates
Date: 10th January 2018

(a) WHAT ARE YOU ASSESSING FOR IMPACT ?

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

(b) Please name and describe below

Implementation of a voluntary ban

**(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?**

There is no current UK legislation governing the release of sky lanterns and balloons. The Trading Standards Institute, ROSPA and the Civil Aviation Authority provide guidance.

(d) Does the initiative directly affect service users, employees or the wider community?

Yes Continue assessment
 No No need to continue screening or carry out an EqIA

Screening/Relevance Test: Is an equality impact assessment required?

Screening is used to decide whether the initiative you are responsible for has a high or medium negative impact on any of the protected groups and will require a full EqIA. Please highlight the positive impact the decision will have on the protected characteristics.

What will be the effect on :-

Protected Characteristic	Impact? <i>Include Positive and Negative</i>
Age	Reducing risk of harm to property, animals and the environment
Disability	Reducing risk of harm to property, animals and the environment
Gender Reassignment	Reducing risk of harm to property, animals and the environment

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Marriage & Civil Partnership	Reducing risk of harm to property, animals and the environment
Pregnancy and Maternity	Reducing risk of harm to property, animals and the environment
Race	Reducing risk of harm to property, animals and the environment
Religion or Belief	Reducing risk of harm to property, animals and the environment
Sex	Reducing risk of harm to property, animals and the environment
Sexual orientation	Reducing risk of harm to property, animals and the environment
Carers	Reducing risk of harm to property, animals and the environment
Welsh Language	No known impact.

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

The implementation of a voluntary ban will act in a positive manner to reduce the risk of harm and damage to animals, property and the environment caused as a result of the release of sky lanterns and balloons. There are numerous online examples of damage caused. The ban would support one of the Council's wellbeing initiatives that *Communities protect, enhance and promote our natural environment and countryside.*

Signed _____ **Position** Estates Team Leader

N.B. If the initial screening process has identified actual or potential high or medium negative impact on a particular group or groups then you MUST carry out a full EqlA.
