# Initial Screening Equality Impact Analysis Tool

Section 01	Details of Initial Equality Impact Screening Analysis
Financial Year and	2011/2012
Quarter	
Name of policy, strategy,	302 Fulham Palace Road , London SW6
function, project, activity,	Housing Planned & Preventative Maintenance
or programme	
Q1	These works need to be undertaken to maintain a satisfactory standard to the external fabric and communal
What are you looking to	parts of the building and to ensure they remain in good decorative order.
achieve?	
Q2	Analyse the impact of the policy on the protected characteristics (including where people / groups may be in
Who in the main will	more than one protected characteristic). You should use this to determine whether the policy will have a
benefit?	positive/neutral/negative impact and whether it is of low/medium/high relevance to equality.
	You should also use this section when your policy may not be relevant to one or more protected
	characteristics. If this applies, case law has established that you must give your reasoning. It is not sufficient to
	state 'N/A' without saying why.
	Information: protected characteristics and PSED
	The public sector equality duty (PSED) states that in the exercise of our functions, we must have due regard to
	the need to:
	■ Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited
	under the Act;
	<ul> <li>Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do</li> </ul>
	not; and
	<ul> <li>Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.</li> </ul>
	Having due regard for advancing equality involves:
	Removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics;
	<ul> <li>Taking steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these are different from the</li> </ul>
	needs of other people; and
	<ul> <li>Encouraging people from protected groups to participate in public life or in other activities where their</li> </ul>

participation is disproportionately low

The Act states that meeting different needs involves taking steps to take account of disabled people's disabilities. It describes fostering good relations as tackling prejudice and promoting understanding between people from different groups. It states that compliance with the duty may involve treating some people more favourably than others.

Age	This is a planned maintenance building contract and will not have an effect on age groups, but will keep the building in a good state of repair.	L	1
Disability	This is a planned maintenance building contract and will not have an effect on disabled people, but will keep the building in a good state of repair.	L	1
Gender reassignment	This is a planned maintenance building contract and will not have an effect on disabled people, but will keep the building in a good state of repair.	L	1
Marriage and Civil Partnership	This is a planned maintenance building contract and will not have an effect on marriage and civil partnership, but will keep the building in a good state of repair.	L	1
Pregnancy and maternity	This is a planned maintenance building contract and will not have an effect on pregnancy and maternity, but will keep the building in a good state of repair.	L	1
Race	This is a planned maintenance building contract and will not have an effect on race groups, but will keep the building in a good state of repair.	L	I

	Religion/belief (including non-belief)	This is a planned maintenance building contract and will not have an effect on religion or belief, but will keep the building in a good state of repair.	L	1	
	Sex	This is a planned maintenance building contract and will not have an effect on men or women, but will keep the building in a good state of repair.	L	/	
	Sexual Orientation	This is a planned maintenance building contract and will not have an effect on sexual orientation, but will keep the building in a good state of repair.	L	/	
	Human Rights and Children's Rights Will it affect Human Rights, as defined by the Human Rights Act 1998? No				
	No	dren's Rights, as defined by the UNCRC (1992)?			
Q3	No: This is a te	chnical/building contract			
Does the policy, strategy,					
function, project, activity, or programme make a	Does this provide an opportunity to promote equality? Use your reasoning from Q2 to state why.				
positive contribution to equalities?					
Q4	No: This is a technical/building contract				
Does the policy, strategy, function, project, activity,	If the answer has	re is 'yes', then it is necessary to go ahead with a Full Equality Impact Analysis	Vou ch	ould	
or programme actually or		Full Equality Impact Analysis if your decision is likely to be of high relevance to			
potentially contribute to	be of high public interest.			,	
or hinder equality of					
opportunity, and/or					
adversely impact human rights?					

# Initial Screening Equality Impact Analysis Guidance

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Name of policy, strategy, function, project, activity, or programme	A <b>Policy</b> refers to an approved decision, principle plan or a set of procedures by Cabinet, or a Cabinet Member under delegated powers that affects the way that the Council conducts its business both internally and externally. A policy can include: strategies, guides, manuals and common practice.
programme	A <b>Strategy</b> refers to a systematic short term or a long term plan of action that is designed to achieve a specific business benefit or goal(s).
	A <b>Function</b> refers to any actions and/or activities designed to achieve a specific business benefit or goal.
	A <b>Project</b> defines how a temporary structure or scheme can achieve a specific business benefit or goal(s). A project can be implemented by setting up aims and objectives, resources, communication, budget needs and timelines.
	An <b>Activity</b> is a specific task (or a groups of tasks) which can also form as part of a 'function'.
	A <b>Programme</b> is a portfolio of activities and projects that are co-ordinated and managed as a unit such that they realise common outcomes and benefits.
Q1 What are you looking to achieve?	For example this might help to implement outcomes identified in policies such as the <u>Single Equality Scheme</u> , <u>Disability Equality Scheme</u> , <u>other EIAs</u> in your service department, or in another department that your service/service users also interact with and draw down services from, <u>Corporate Plan</u> , <u>LAA Targets</u> , CAA Aims, <u>UDP</u> , or <u>JSNA</u> .
	These works need to be undertaken to maintain a satisfactory standard to the external fabric and communal parts of the building and to ensure they remain in good decorative order.
Q2	Hereafter, 'policy' means policy, strategy, function, project, activity, or programme
Who in the main will	
benefit?	Disability Service providers also have an antisimatory durinte make reasonable adjustments for disabled name. These two
	Service providers also have an anticipatory duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled people. These two duties frequently overlap and it is sensible to consider them together. For example, can you:
	Provide accessible communications?
	Change how you collate and use data?
	Revise how you involve service users?

Analyse the impact of the policy on the <u>protected characteristics</u> with due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Use your reasoning in order to determine whether the policy will be of high, medium or low relevance to the protected characteristics. What do we mean by these terms?:

### High

- The policy, strategy, function, project, activity, or programme is relevant to all or most parts of the general duty, and/or to human rights
- There is substantial or a fair amount of evidence that some groups are (or could be) differently affected by it
- There is substantial or a fair amount of public concern about it

#### Medium

- The policy, strategy, function, project, activity, or programme is relevant to most parts of the general duty, and/or to human rights
- There is some evidence that some groups are (or could be) differently affected by it
- There is some public concern about it

#### Low

- The policy, strategy, function, project, activity, or programme is not generally relevant to most parts of the general duty, and/or to human rights
- There is little evidence that some groups are (or could be) differently affected by it
- There is little public concern about it

Use your reasoning to determine whether the impact will be positive, neutral, or negative. There are three possible outcomes:

- Positive: The EIA shows the policy is not likely to result in adverse impact for any protected characteristic and does advance equality of opportunity, and/or fulfils PSED in another way
- Neutral: The EIA shows the policy, strategy, function, project or activity is not likely to result in adverse impact for any protected characteristic and does not advance equality of opportunity, and/or fulfils PSED in another way
- **Negative:** The EIA shows the policy, strategy, function, project or activity is likely to have an adverse impact on a particular protected characteristic(s) and potentially does not fulfil PSED, or the negative

impact will be mitigated through another means.

Should your policy not be applicable, you must note this and state why.

## **Human Rights, Children's Rights**

Additionally, demonstrate here that the impact on **Human and/or Children's Rights** arising from the policy has been considered.

## **Human Rights**

Public authorities have an obligation to act in accordance with the European Convention on Human Rights. These are:

- Article 2: Right to life
- Article 3: Freedom from torture and inhuman or degrading treatment
- Article 4: Right to liberty and security
- Article 5: Freedom from slavery and forced labour
- Article 6: Right to a fair trial
- Article 7: No punishment without law
- Article 8: Respect for your private and family life, home and correspondence
- Article 9: <u>Freedom of thought, belief and religion</u>
- Article 10: <u>Freedom of expression</u>
- Article 11: <u>Freedom of assembly and association</u>
- Article 12: Right to marry and start a family
- Article 14: Protection from discrimination in respect of these these rights and freedoms
- Article 1 of Protocol 1: Right to peaceful enjoyment of your property
- Article 2 of Protocol 1: Right to education
- Article 3 of Protocol 1: Right to participate in free elections

(Article 1 of Protocol 13 is: Abolition of the death penalty)

Each of the above links takes you to explanations and examples provided by the EHRC. Further, the <u>EHRC</u> and the <u>Ministry of Justice</u> both provide guides for public authorities.

## Children's Rights (UNCRC)

All children and young people up to the age of 18 years have all the rights in the Convention. Some groups of children and young people - for example those living away from home, and young disabled people - have

	additional rights to make sure they are treated fairly and their needs are met.
	Every child in the UK has been entitled to over 40 specific rights. These include:
	<ul> <li>The right to life, survival and development</li> <li>The right to have their views respected, and to have their best interests considered at all times</li> <li>The right to a name and nationality, freedom of expression, and access to information concerning them</li> <li>The right to live in a family environment or alternative care, and to have contact with both parents wherever possible</li> <li>Health and welfare rights, including rights for disabled children, the right to health and health care, and social security</li> <li>The right to education, leisure, culture and the arts</li> <li>Special protection for refugee children, children in the juvenile justice system, children deprived of their liberty and children suffering economic, sexual or other forms of exploitation</li> </ul>
	The rights included in the convention apply to all children and young people, with no exceptions.  The above and more information can be found at Direct Gov.
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Q3 Does the policy,	Yes/No - This is a technical/building contract
strategy, function, project, activity, or	Use your evidence from Q2 to state
programme make a positive contribution to equalities?	why
Q4	Yes/No
Does the policy, strategy, function, project, activity, or	If the answer here is 'yes', then it is necessary to go ahead with a Full Equality Impact Analysis. You should also consider a Full Equality Impact Analysis if your decision is likely to be of high relevance to equality, and/or be of
programme actually or potentially contribute to	high public interest.
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opportunity and/or human rights?