

Appendix 4 - Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

Housing Service

Budget Proposals 2016/17

Efficiency Savings

Temporary Accommodation Savings: £265k

This efficiency relates to a reduction in temporary accommodation procurement costs associated with the Council's Housing Associations Leasing Scheme following the phased return to the landlord of a scheme at Hamlet Gardens following the end of a 20 year lease and the sale of the properties by the housing association. The council did not have the option to retain use of the properties but achieved a slower, phased exit from the lease. This is making it easier to place residents without paying a premium to a private landlord, producing this £265k saving. The effect on clients transferred from their accommodation at Hamlet Gardens is expected to be positive or neutral as the Council will maintain its' on-going duty to provide accommodation to all households and has been able to do so in a phased manner rather than all at once. This efficiency has already been partially achieved during 2015/16.

Libraries

Budget Proposals 2016/17

Growth

There is a requirement for up to £65k for rental for Lilla Huset where the LBHF archive collections are held. This has previously been a peppercorn rent which is coming to the end of its term in 2016/17. Alternatives have been considered, but the most cost-effective option is to continue at the Lilla Huset facility. There is no predicted equalities impact.

Savings

There may be opportunities to increase income from utilisation of spaces for commercial activities, events and ceremonies. This is a modest proposal to generate £20k from further use, making more use of attractive heritage buildings such as Fulham and Hammersmith libraries. There is a potential positive equalities impact through providing greater access for civil partnership ceremonies.

Fees & Charges

It is proposed that there are no increases to fees within Libraries so there are no expected equalities impact.