

Equality Impact Relevance Check Form



The Public Sector Equality Duty requires us to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations with protected groups. This tool will identify the equalities relevance of a proposal, and establish whether a full Equality Impact Assessment will be required.

What is the proposal?	
Name of the proposal	Extension of Public Spaces Protection Order
Type of proposal (new or changed Strategy, policy, project, service or budget):	Policy
Brief description of the proposal:	Prohibit some dog related activity re fouling, dogs on leads an area ban
Name of lead officer:	Paul Huntington

You should consider whether the proposal has the potential to negatively impact on citizens or staff in the following ways:

- Access to or participation in a service,
- Levels of representation in our workforce, or
- Reducing quality of life (i.e. health, education, standard of living)

A negative impact is any change that could be considered detrimental. If a negative impact is imposed on any citizens or staff with protected characteristics, the Council has a legal duty to undertake a full Equality Impact Assessment.

Could your proposal negatively impact citizens with protected characteristics? (This includes service users and the wider community)	NO
Could your proposal negatively impact staff with protected characteristics? (i.e. reduction in posts, changes to working hours or locations, changes in pay)	NO

Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required?	NO
If Yes, Please provide a brief description of where there may be negative impacts, and for whom. Then complete a full Equality Impact assessment Form	
If No, Please set out your justification for why not.	
The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse. Exemption from dog fouling offences is, therefore, not consistent with good Public Health outcomes. However, the PSPO does exempt disabled people, particularly the blind, but even assistance dogs are trained to guide their owners so the mess can be cleared up.	
Service Director / Manager sign-off and date	
Equalities Officer sign-off and date	