

Equality, Social Inclusion and Health Impact Assessment (ESHIA)

An ESHIA is a review of a new or existing policy, strategy, project, report or service change to establish whether this has a differential impact on specific equality groups and identifies how we can improve equality of opportunity for different groups of people.

An ESHIA aims at improving Tamworth Borough Council’s work, by promoting equality, social inclusion, health and wellbeing by ensuring that the proposed or existing policy promotes equality and can benefit a wide range of people.

Details

Title of the proposal	Draft Budget and MTFS 2025/26 – 2029/30	
Director responsible for the project or service area	Jo Goodfellow	
Officer completing the assessment	Jo Goodfellow	
Date conducted	17/01/25	
Who are the main stakeholders?	Corporate Management Team (CMT) and Elected Members, Precepting Authorities, Businesses, Council Taxpayers, Residents, Housing tenants	
What is being assessed?	A decision to review or change a service	
	A strategy, policy, report or procedure	x
	A function, service, or project	
What kind of assessment is it?	New	x
	Review of existing	

Part One - Initial screening:

This section should be used to carry out an initial screening of changes or decisions to help to decide whether a full ESHIA is required.

The following six screening questions are designed to assess whether this proposed change is likely to have an impact on equality, social inclusion, health and wellbeing.

		Yes	No
1	Does this new or revised project, proposal, policy, report, procedure likely to have an impact?		X
2	Does the proposal seek agreement to a key decision involving allocation of resources, such as changes in funding or resources, initiation of a new programme or project or procurement?		X
3	Does the proposal seek agreement on restructuring or reorganising of staffing?		X

4	Will this policy or proposed change have any impact on potential suppliers?		x
5	Does this policy or proposed change impact on any HR policy or practice within the council?		x
6	Does this policy or proposed change have any implications for equalities, social inclusion and health and wellbeing not covered above?		x

1. If the answer is **no** to all the questions, please provide a summary below outlining why this conclusion has been reached.
2. If the answer is **yes** to any of the questions, please conduct the full ESHIA as detailed in Part two.

If you are unsure of any of the answers, please seek advice from Human Resources.

Summary of initial screening outcome:

The report seeks the approval of the draft Medium Term Financial Strategy to consult with the Joint Scrutiny Committee (Budget) on 28th January 2025 and receive their feedback on the:

- General Fund Revenue (GF) Budget and Council Tax for 2025/26;
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2025/26;
- Capital Programme – General Fund & HRA.

Proposals within the budget will impact council taxpayers and housing residents in terms of the council tax increase and housing rent increase, other proposals in terms of policy changes increases/decreases in budgets may also impact staff and residents. At this stage the proposals are subject to finalisation of the Budget report by Full Council in February 2025, and there is no impact as a direct result of this report.

Decision	Yes	No
Initial screening only	x	
Proceed to Part Two, full assessment		

Initial screening completed by	Jo Goodfellow
Date	17/01/25

Full screening completed by	
Date	

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Part Two: Full assessment

Section 1

The purpose of the project, proposal or decision required. Set out the aims, objectives, purpose and outcomes of the area being impact assessed. Are any other functions, policies or services linked to this assessment?

Section 2

Evidence used and considered. Include analysis of any missing data.

Section 3

Consultation undertaken with interested parties who will/may be affected proposal? What were the outcomes of the consultation?

Section 4

What are the potential or actual impacts of the proposal? Please consider both the direct and indirect impact and refer to the guidance for additional information.

Impact Area	Impact? Positive (P) Negative (N) Neutral (Ne)	Details of the impact	Action to address negative impact
Protected Characteristic, as outlined in the Equality Act 2010			
Age			
Disability			
Gender reassignment			
Marriage and civil partnership			
Pregnancy and maternity			
Race			
Religion or Belief			
Sex			
Sexual Orientation			

Are there socio-economic groups likely to be affected? If yes, please provide detail below			
Other social exclusion			
Digital exclusion			
Veterans and serving members of the armed forces and their families			
Young people leaving care			
Health and Wellbeing: Individuals and communities in Tamworth	Impact: Positive (P) Negative (N) Neutral (Ne)	Explanation	Action to address negative impact
Will the proposal have a direct impact on an individual's health, mental health and wellbeing?			
Will the proposal directly impact on housing?			
Will there be a likely change in demand for or access to public services such as health and social care services?			
Will there be an impact on diet and nutrition?			
Will there be an impact on physical activity?			
Will there be an impact on transport, travel and connectivity?			
Will there be an impact on employment and income?			

Will there be an impact on education and skills?			
Will there be an impact on community safety?			
Will there be an impact on the environment, air quality, climate change?			

If there are no adverse impacts or any issues of concern or you can adequately explain or justify them, please move to section 6.

Section 5

Where a potential negative impact has been identified, can continuation of the proposal be objectively justified? If yes, please explain your reasons.

Section 6: Decisions or actions proposed

The assessment may result in some recommendations or suggestions to mitigate any negative impact and maximise positive impacts or actions to reduce the risk of an adverse impact.

Section 7: Monitoring arrangements

Who will be responsible for monitoring	
Frequency of monitoring	
Where will the impact assessment be reported to?	
Where this impact assessment will be stored and for how long	

Section 8: Summary of actions to mitigate negative impact (if required)

Impact Area	Action required	Lead officer/responsible person	Target date	Progress

