

## 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	Internal Audit Quarterly Progress Report	
Director responsible for the project or service area	Jo Goodfellow, Acting Executive Director, Finance	
Officer completing the assessment	Rebecca Neill, Interim Audit Manager, Shared Service	
Date conducted	21 January 2025	
Who are the main stakeholders?	Elected members	
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	
	Review of existing	x

### 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 Accounts and Audit Regulations require councils to undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of their risk management, control and governance processes, taking into account relevant Auditing Standards or guidance. This progress report and opinion forms part of the framework of assurances that is received by the Council and is used to help inform the annual governance statement. No differential impact on specific equality groups has been identified as part of the compilation of this report. A well-functioning internal audit identifies as part of its work, how the Council's systems can improve equality of opportunity for different groups of people.

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

Initial screening completed by	Rebecca Neill, Interim Audit Manager, Shared Service
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Full screening completed by	N/A
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
<b>Protected Characteristic, as outlined in the Equality Act 2010</b>			
Age			
Disability			
Gender reassignment			
Marriage and civil partnership			
Pregnancy and maternity			
Race			
Religion or Belief			
Sex			
Sexual Orientation			

<b>Are there socio-economic groups likely to be affected? If yes, please provide detail below</b>			
<b>Other social exclusion</b>			
<b>Digital exclusion</b>			
<b>Veterans</b> and serving members of the armed forces and their families			
<b>Young people leaving care</b>			
<b>Health and Wellbeing:</b> 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

