

Equality Analysis



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What are the proposals being assessed?	CS2015-01 Reduction in IT support/maintenance contracts CS2015-02 Expiration of salary protection
Which Department/ Division has the responsibility for this?	Business Improvement, Corporate Services

Stage 1: Overview	
Name and job title of lead officer	Sophie Ellis, Assistant Director of Business Improvement
1. What are the aims, objectives and desired outcomes of your proposal? (Also explain proposals e.g. reduction/removal of service, deletion of posts, changing criteria etc)	CS2015-01: reduce the budget for IT support and maintenance contracts by £3k. It is anticipated that expenditure can be reduce by this amount in response to actions out of our IT Strategy to rationalise our IT systems. CS2015-02: reduce the salary budget for the Business Support Team by £16k to reflect the expiration of salary protection arrangements that initiated in 2014 as part of the restructure for that team.
2. How does this contribute to the council's corporate priorities?	CS2015-01 is directly related to and supports/is supported by the council's IT strategy.
3. Who will be affected by this proposal? For example who are the external/internal customers, communities, partners, stakeholders, the workforce etc.	The proposals are not expected to have any impact on services or customers. The removal of salary protection will impact on the three individuals in receipt of it. One of these has stated their intention to retire. Learning and development is being offered to the remaining officers to maximise their opportunity to achieve their previous salary level by the time the protection is withdrawn.
4. Is the responsibility shared with another department, authority or organisation? If so, who are the partners and who has overall responsibility?	The reduction in support and maintenance budget for IT systems will depend on adoption of the IT Strategy throughout the organisation. It relies on rationalisation of our IT systems so that there are fewer maintenance and support contracts and that these are as efficient as possible.

Stage 2: Collecting evidence/ data

5. What evidence have you considered as part of this assessment?

Provide details of the information you have reviewed to determine the impact your proposal would have on the protected characteristics (equality groups).

The individuals in receipt of salary protection.
 The learning and development arrangements within the team.
 Application for flexible retirement.

Stage 3: Assessing impact and analysis

6. From the evidence you have considered, what areas of concern have you identified regarding the potential negative and positive impact on one or more protected characteristics (equality groups)?

Protected characteristic (equality group)	Tick which applies		Tick which applies		Reason Briefly explain what positive or negative impact has been identified
	Positive impact		Potential negative impact		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Age		✓	✓		Staff will be affected by a reduced income
Disability		✓		✓	
Gender Reassignment		✓		✓	
Marriage and Civil Partnership		✓		✓	
Pregnancy and Maternity		✓		✓	
Race		✓		✓	
Religion/ belief		✓		✓	
Sex (Gender)		✓	✓		Staff will be affected by a reduced income
Sexual orientation		✓		✓	
Socio-economic status		✓	✓		Staff will be affected by a reduced income

7. Equality Analysis Improvement Action Plan template – Making adjustments for negative impact

This action plan should be completed after the analysis and should outline action(s) to be taken to mitigate the potential negative impact identified (expanding on information provided in Section 7 above).

Negative impact/ gap in information identified in the Equality Analysis	Action required to mitigate	How will you know this is achieved? e.g. performance measure/ target)	By when	Existing or additional resources?	Lead Officer	Action added to divisional/ team plan?
Withdrawal of salary protection for two individuals.	Personal Development Plans	Annual appraisal forms	March 2018	Existing	Clive Cooke	Yes.

Note that the full impact of the decision may only be known after the proposals have been implemented; therefore it is important the effective monitoring is in place to assess the impact.

Stage 4: Conclusion of the Equality Analysis

8. Which of the following statements best describe the outcome of the EA (Tick one box only)

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Stage 5: Sign off by Director/ Head of Service

Assessment completed by	Sophie Ellis, AD Business Improvement	Signature:	Date: 14/10/15
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What are the proposals being assessed?	Restructure Transactional Services team and delete up to three FTE posts through voluntary/compulsory redundancy (Savings proposal CS/IT01)
Which Department/ Division has the responsibility for this?	Corporate Services – Infrastructure & Transactions Division

Stage 1: Overview	
Name and job title of lead officer	Mark Humphries – Assistant Director Infrastructure & Transactions
1. What are the aims, objectives and desired outcomes of your proposal? (Also explain proposals e.g. reduction/removal of service, deletion of posts, changing criteria etc)	To deliver financial savings of £100K over the period 2018/19 by restructuring the Transactional Services section and deleting up to 3 FTE posts that process payments and set up new vendors/suppliers on the councils various financial systems.
2. How does this contribute to the council's corporate priorities?	The saving is required as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, and can be achieved through efficiency savings that will be achieved through the implementation of new corporate IT systems that will automate the processing and payment of invoices and reduce the overall requirement for Transactional Services staff.
3. Who will be affected by this proposal? For example who are the external/internal customers, communities, partners, stakeholders, the workforce etc.	This proposal will affect up to three members of staff from a current establishment of 13.3. The Transactional Services team are responsible for the council's entire Accounts Payable/Receivable function, maintaining the master vendor/suppliers database and providing support and training on the various systems used by staff for processing payments and invoices.
4. Is the responsibility shared with another department, authority or organisation? If so, who are the partners and who has overall responsibility?	No

Stage 2: Collecting evidence/ data

5. What evidence have you considered as part of this assessment?

Provide details of the information you have reviewed to determine the impact your proposal would have on the protected characteristics (equality groups).

As part of the development of new IT systems, suppliers generally incorporate facilities for the provision of 'E-billing' and the processing of electronic invoices, both of which have the ability to significantly improve efficiency and also reduce the need manual handling by staff. The Council is currently in the process of replacing a number of its major IT systems, which will incorporate this new technology and enable us to reduce the amount of resources that are required to undertake works in this area of our operations.

Stage 3: Assessing impact and analysis

6. From the evidence you have considered, what areas of concern have you identified regarding the potential negative and positive impact on one or more protected characteristics (equality groups)?

Protected characteristic (equality group)	Tick which applies		Tick which applies		Reason Briefly explain what positive or negative impact has been identified
	Positive impact		Potential negative impact		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Age		X		X	
Disability		X		X	
Gender Reassignment		X		X	
Marriage and Civil Partnership		X		X	
Pregnancy and Maternity		X		X	
Race		X		X	
Religion/ belief		X		X	
Sex (Gender)		X		X	
Sexual orientation		X		X	
Socio-economic status		X		X	

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Negative impact/ gap in information identified in the Equality Analysis	Action required to mitigate	How will you know this is achieved? e.g. performance measure/ target)	By when	Existing or additional resources?	Lead Officer	Action added to divisional/ team plan?
None Identified	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Stage 4: Conclusion of the Equality Analysis

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Stage 5: Sign off by Director/ Head of Service

Assessment completed by	Mark Humphries – Assistant Director Infrastructure & Transactions	Signature:	Date: 9 th October 2015
Improvement action plan signed off by Director/ Head of Service		Signature:	Date:

Equality Analysis



What are the proposals being assessed?	CS2015-05
Which Department/ Division has the responsibility for this?	Corporate Services – Resources Division

Stage 1: Overview	
Name and job title of lead officer	Paul Dale – Assistant Director of Resources.
1. What are the aims, objectives and desired outcomes of your proposal? (Also explain proposals e.g. reduction/removal of service, deletion of posts, changing criteria etc)	Staffing Reductions and potentially generation of additional income
2. How does this contribute to the council's corporate priorities?	The saving will reduce the need to make savings on frontline services
3. Who will be affected by this proposal? For example who are the external/internal customers, communities, partners, stakeholders, the workforce etc.	The proposal will impact on internal customers. The extent of the impact will only become fully understood once the efficiencies generated by the new financial system become clear. It will lead to greater reliance on self- service by managers and a focus on the core s.151 responsibilities of the Director of Corporate Services
4. Is the responsibility shared with another department, authority or organisation? If so, who are the partners and who has overall responsibility?	There may be an impact on the manner in which budget managers discharge their roles.

Stage 2: Collecting evidence/ data

5. What evidence have you considered as part of this assessment?

Provide details of the information you have reviewed to determine the impact your proposal would have on the protected characteristics (equality groups).

This is an internal saving and hence does not have a direct impact on any external protected groups. The staffing saving will be delivered following the council's corporate policies for restructuring which are designed to ensure that all staff are treated equally.

Stage 3: Assessing impact and analysis

6. From the evidence you have considered, what areas of concern have you identified regarding the potential negative and positive impact on one or more protected characteristics (equality groups)?

Protected characteristic (equality group)	Tick which applies		Tick which applies		Reason Briefly explain what positive or negative impact has been identified
	Positive impact		Potential negative impact		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Age		x	x		Depending on the staff affected there could be a negative impact in this area
Disability		x	x		Depending on the staff affected there could be a negative impact in this area
Gender Reassignment		x		x	
Marriage and Civil Partnership		x		x	
Pregnancy and Maternity		x		x	
Race		x	x		Depending on the staff affected there could be a negative impact in this area
Religion/ belief		x		x	
Sex (Gender)		x	x		Depending on the staff affected there could be a negative impact in this area
Sexual orientation		x		x	
Socio-economic status		x		x	

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Age, Disability, Race and Sex (Gender)	Any staffing reduction will be managed using the Council's managing organisational change procedures which are designed to mitigate any adverse equalities impact of staffing reductions.	Monitoring that the process has been followed. . That the results have not disproportionality impacted on any equality group	April 2018	Existing	Assistant Director of Resources	If agreed by members as part of the general package of savings

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Stage 4: Conclusion of the Equality Analysis

8. Which of the following statements best describe the outcome of the EA (Tick one box only)

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Stage 5: Sign off by Director/ Head of Service

Assessment completed by	Paul Dale Assistant Director of Resources	Signature:	Date:12/10/2015
Improvement action plan signed off by Director/ Head of Service	Paul Dale Assistant Director of Resources	Signature:	Date:12/10/2015

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What are the proposals being assessed?	AA03 delete the school assessor post (0.6), reduction in the Manager resource as a result of the audit shared service
Which Department/ Division has the responsibility for this?	Corporate Services/Corporate Governance

Stage 1: Overview	
Name and job title of lead officer	Head of Internal Audit
1. What are the aims, objectives and desired outcomes of your proposal? (Also explain proposals e.g. reduction/removal of service, deletion of posts, changing criteria etc)	<p>We are required to make budget reductions in 2018/19. We will be removing a post that is currently vacant.</p> <p>In 2018/19 we intend to delete a school assessor post currently vacant and covered by agency resources, resulting in £37,000 saving. The remaining £13k will be achieved through the audit shared service and the reduction of the managers cost to Merton.</p> <p>There will be no redundancies as a result of this saving,</p>
2. How does this contribute to the council's corporate priorities?	This assists with the councils savings
3. Who will be affected by this proposal? For example who are the external/internal customers, communities, partners, stakeholders, the workforce etc.	Internal customers will be affected by the reduction of work to review controls or advise on fraud risks.
4. Is the responsibility shared with another department, authority or organisation? If so, who are the partners and who has overall responsibility?	A tri borough shared audit service started in October 2015 and this is to be expanded to 4 borough from April 2016 and 5 boroughs in October 2016. This will result in reduced management costs for each council.

Stage 2: Collecting evidence/ data

5. What evidence have you considered as part of this assessment?

Provide details of the information you have reviewed to determine the impact your proposal would have on the protected characteristics (equality groups).

The savings will not affect any equality groups

Stage 3: Assessing impact and analysis

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Age		X			
Disability		X			
Gender Reassignment		X			
Marriage and Civil Partnership		X			
Pregnancy and Maternity		X			
Race		X			
Religion/ belief		X			
Sex (Gender)		X			
Sexual orientation		X			
Socio-economic status		X			

7. If you have identified a negative impact, how do you plan to mitigate it?

N/A

Stage 4: Conclusion of the Equality Analysis

8. Which of the following statements best describe the outcome of the EA (Tick one box only)

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- Outcome 1** – The EA has not identified any potential for discrimination or negative impact and all opportunities to promote equality are being addressed. **No changes are required.**
- Outcome 2** – The EA has identified adjustments to remove negative impact or to better promote equality. **Actions you propose to take to do this should be included in the Action Plan.**
- Outcome 3** – The EA has identified some potential for negative impact or some missed opportunities to promote equality and it may not be possible to mitigate this fully. **If you propose to continue with proposals you must include the justification for this in Section 10 below, and include actions you propose to take to remove negative impact or to better promote equality in the Action Plan. You must ensure that your proposed action is in line with the PSED to have 'due regard' and you are advised to seek Legal Advice.**
- Outcome 4** – The EA shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination. **Stop and rethink your proposals.**

Stage 5: Improvement Action Pan

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Stage 6: Reporting outcomes

10. Summary of the equality analysis

This section can also be used in your decision making reports (CMT/Cabinet/etc) but you must also attach the assessment to the report, or provide a hyperlink

This Equality Analysis has resulted in an Outcome [add](#) Assessment

Please include here a summary of the key findings of your assessment.

- What are the key impacts – both negative and positive – you have identified?
- Are there any particular groups affected more than others?
- What course of action are you advising as a result of this assessment?
- If your EA is assessed as Outcome 3 and you suggest to proceeding with your proposals although a negative impact has been identified that may not be possible to fully mitigate, explain your justification with full reasoning.

Stage 7: Sign off by Director/ Head of Service

Assessment completed by	Margaret Culleton	Signature: M Culleton	Date: 14.10.15
Improvement action plan signed off by Director/ Head of Service	Add name/ job title	Signature:	Date:

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