

## Equality Impact Assessment: Wellbeing Exeter

The Equality Act 2010 includes a general duty which requires public authorities, in the exercise of their functions, to have due regard to the need to:

- **Eliminate discrimination**, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act.
- **Advance equality of opportunity** between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and people who do not share it.
- **Foster good relations** between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not

In order to comply with the general duty authorities must assess the impact on equality of decisions, policies and practices. These duties do not prevent the authority from reducing services where necessary, but they offer a way of developing proposals that consider the impacts on all members of the community.

Authorities which fail to carry out equality impact assessments risk making poor and unfair decisions which may discriminate against particular groups and worsen inequality.

Committee name and date:	Report Title	Decisions being recommended:	People with protected characteristics potentially impacted by the decisions to be made:
Council	Wellbeing Exeter	New Governance Structure 3 year funding contribution to Wellbeing Exeter	All

**Factors to consider in the assessment:** For each of the groups below, an assessment has been made on whether the proposed decision will have a **positive, negative or neutral impact**. This is must be noted in the table below alongside brief details of why this conclusion has been reached and notes of any mitigation proposed. Where the impact is negative, a **high, medium or low assessment** is given. The assessment rates the impact of the policy based on the current situation (i.e. disregarding any actions

planned to be carried out in future).

**High impact** – a significant potential impact, risk of exposure, history of complaints, no mitigating measures in place etc.

**Medium impact** –some potential impact exists, some mitigating measures are in place, poor evidence

**Low impact** – almost no relevancy to the process, e.g. an area that is very much legislation led and where the Council has very little discretion

**Give introduction ( short summary/bullet points from report)**

Protected characteristic/ area of interest	Positive or Negative Impact	High, Medium or Low Impact	Reason
<b>Race and ethnicity</b> (including Gypsies and Travellers; migrant workers; asylum seekers).	Positive		The proposals for a more open, transparent governance structure will open up opportunities for these groups to benefit from the Wellbeing Exeter programme where appropriate in the future. A commitment of three years funding support from the CIL budget will ensure Wellbeing Exeter services are available to support all residents of Exeter. Specific work is being undertaken with local BAME groups developing insight as to the impact of COVID in culturally diverse communities and how Wellbeing Exeter can support these groups
<b>Disability:</b> as defined by the Equality Act – a person has a disability if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse impact on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.	Positive		The proposals for a more open, transparent governance structure will open up opportunities for these groups to benefit from the Wellbeing Exeter programme where appropriate in the future. A commitment of three years funding support from the CIL budget will ensure Wellbeing Exeter services are available to support all residents of Exeter.
<b>Sex/Gender</b>	Positive		The proposals for a more open, transparent governance structure will open up opportunities for these groups to benefit from the Wellbeing Exeter programme where appropriate in the future. A commitment of three years funding support from the CIL budget will ensure Wellbeing Exeter services are available to support all residents of Exeter.

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<b>Gender reassignment</b>	Positive		The proposals for a more open, transparent governance structure will open up opportunities for these groups to benefit from the Wellbeing Exeter programme where appropriate in the future. A commitment of three years funding support from the CIL budget will ensure Wellbeing Exeter services are available to support all residents of Exeter.
<b>Religion and belief</b> (includes no belief, some philosophical beliefs such as Buddhism and sects within religions).	Positive		The proposals for a more open, transparent governance structure will open up opportunities for these groups to benefit from the Wellbeing Exeter programme where appropriate in the future. A commitment of three years funding support from the CIL budget will ensure Wellbeing Exeter services are available to support all residents of Exeter.
<b>Sexual orientation</b> (including heterosexual, lesbian, gay, bisexual).	Positive		The proposals for a more open, transparent governance structure will open up opportunities for these groups to benefit from the Wellbeing Exeter programme where appropriate in the future. A commitment of three years funding support from the CIL budget will ensure Wellbeing Exeter services are available to support all residents of Exeter.
<b>Age</b> (children and young people aged 0-24; adults aged 25-50; younger older people aged 51-75/80; older people 81+; frail older people; people living with age related conditions. The age categories are for illustration only as overriding consideration should be given to needs).	<b>Positive</b>		The proposals for a more open, transparent governance structure will open up opportunities for these groups to benefit from the Wellbeing Exeter programme where appropriate in the future. A commitment of three years funding support from the CIL budget will ensure Wellbeing Exeter services are available to support all residents of Exeter. There are targeted services for young people as part of Wellbeing Exeter, including delivery partners Space and Young Devon hosting Community Connectors specifically for young person referrals
<b>Pregnancy and maternity</b> including new and breast feeding mothers	<b>Positive</b>		The proposals for a more open, transparent governance structure will open up opportunities for these groups to benefit from the Wellbeing Exeter programme where appropriate in the future.

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Marriage and civil partnership status	Positive		The proposals for a more open, transparent governance structure will open up opportunities for these groups to benefit from the Wellbeing Exeter programme where appropriate in the future.

**Actions identified that will mitigate any negative impacts and/or promote inclusion**

**Officer:**

**Date:**