

Equality Impact Assessment: *Appointment to Outside Bodies 2023*

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: |
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| Executive Committee – 6 June 2023 Council – 18 July 2023 | Appointment to Outside Bodies 2022 | That Council approve: - (1) that Appointment be made to those outside bodies set out in Appendix A, where appointments are required; and | There is no evidence to suggest that the proposed report would have any potential impact on this characteristic. |

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| | | (2) the Director Corporate Services be granted delegated powers, in consultation with the Group Leaders, to appoint, when necessary representatives to outside bodies during the course of the Municipal Year; | |

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

| Protected characteristic/ area of interest | Positive or Negative Impact | High, Medium or Low Impact | Reason |
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| Race and ethnicity (including Gypsies and Travellers; migrant workers; asylum seekers). | Neutral | Low | There is no evidence to suggest that the proposed report would have an impact on this characteristic. |

| Protected characteristic/ area of interest | Positive or Negative Impact | High, Medium or Low Impact | Reason |
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| Disability: 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. | Neutral | Low | There is no evidence to suggest that the proposed report would have an impact on this characteristic. |
| Sex/Gender | Neutral | Low | There is no evidence to suggest that the proposed report would have an impact on this characteristic. |
| Gender reassignment | Neutral | Low | There is no evidence to suggest that the proposed report would have an impact on this characteristic. |
| Religion and belief (includes no belief, some philosophical beliefs such as Buddhism and sects within religions). | Neutral | Low | There is no evidence to suggest that the proposed report would have an impact on this characteristic. |
| Sexual orientation (including heterosexual, lesbian, gay, bisexual). | Neutral | Low | There is no evidence to suggest that the proposed report would have an impact on this characteristic. |
| Age (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). | Neutral | Low | There is no evidence to suggest that the proposed report would have an impact on this characteristic. |
| Pregnancy and maternity including new and breast feeding mothers | Neutral | Low | There is no evidence to suggest that the proposed report would have an impact on this characteristic. |
| Marriage and civil partnership status | Neutral | Low | There is no evidence to suggest that the proposed report would have an impact on this characteristic. |

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

The appointments to the Outside Bodies would enable partnership working for Members with independent organisations to support the local area and community.

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Date: 2 June 2023