

## Equality Impact Assessment: Appointment of the Leader of the Council to the Team Devon Joint Committee

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: 17 December 2024	Appointment of the Leader of the Council to the Team Devon Joint Committee	2.1 That the Council approve the appointment of the Leader (Councillor Phil Bialyk) to the Team Devon Joint Committee.	N/A

**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 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
<b>Race and ethnicity</b> (including Gypsies and Travellers; migrant workers; asylum seekers).	N/A	N/A	The appointment of the Leader to the Joint Committee will not have any impact. Any issues relating to the protected characteristics at the meetings, will be addressed as part of the equalities impact on the specific items of business.
<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.	N/A	N/A	The appointment of the Leader to the Joint Committee will not have any impact. Any issues relating to the protected characteristics at the meetings, will be addressed as part of the equalities impact on the specific items of business.
<b>Sex/Gender</b>	N/A	N/A	The appointment of the Leader to the Joint Committee will not have any impact. Any issues relating to the protected characteristics at the meetings, will be addressed as part of the equalities impact on the specific items of business.
<b>Gender reassignment</b>	N/A	N/A	The appointment of the Leader to the Joint Committee will not have any impact. Any issues relating to the protected characteristics at the meetings, will be addressed as part of the equalities impact on the specific items of business.
<b>Religion and belief</b> (includes no belief, some philosophical beliefs such	N/A	N/A	The appointment of the Leader to the Joint Committee will not have any impact. Any issues relating to the protected characteristics at the

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<b>Sexual orientation</b> (including heterosexual, lesbian, gay, bisexual).	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	The appointment of the Leader to the Joint Committee will not have any impact. Any issues relating to the protected characteristics at the meetings, will be addressed as part of the equalities impact on the specific items of business.
<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>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	The appointment of the Leader to the Joint Committee will not have any impact. Any issues relating to the protected characteristics at the meetings, will be addressed as part of the equalities impact on the specific items of business.
<b>Pregnancy and maternity</b> including new and breast feeding mothers	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	The appointment of the Leader to the Joint Committee will not have any impact. Any issues relating to the protected characteristics at the meetings, will be addressed as part of the equalities impact on the specific items of business.
<b>Marriage and civil partnership status</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	The appointment of the Leader to the Joint Committee will not have any impact. Any issues relating to the protected characteristics at the meetings, will be addressed as part of the equalities impact on the specific items of business.

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

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