

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

Equality Impact Assessment Tool

Part 1 Description / Consultation

Is this a Rapid Equality Impact Assessment (RIAT) ?	YES
Is this a Full Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)?	NO
Date of assessment 28/01/13	Title of document being assessed Adoption Service Plan
Committee report number 81-2013	
1) This is a new policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed Yes	This is an existing policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed? (If yes please tick box) <input type="checkbox"/>
2) Please give a brief description of the policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed.	Under Section 4, Adoption & children (Scotland) Act 2007 the local authority is required to publish a plan for the provision of its adoption service. This plan details how the local authority intends to deliver its services.
3) What is the intended outcome of this policy, procedure, strategy or practice?	The plan will detail how the local authority, in partnership with relevant agencies, will deliver adoption services and encompasses a service improvement plan focused on improving key outcomes for children and their families.
4) Please list any existing documents which have been used to inform this Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BAAF Guidance on Recruiting, Assessing & Supporting lesbian & Gay Carers • BAAF Practice Guide - Race & Ethnicity • BAAF - Every Child is Special • BAAF - A Marginalised Resource - single carers
5) Has any consultation, involvement or research with protected characteristic communities informed this assessment? If yes please give details.	NO
6) Please give details of council officer involvement in this assessment. (E.g. names of officers consulted, dates of meetings etc)	Alan Baird, Director of Social Work Strategic Planning Group - 23/10/12
7) Is there a need to collect further evidence or to involve or consult protected characteristics communities on the impact of the proposed policy? (Example: if the impact on a community is not known what will you do to gather the information needed and when will you do this?)	NO

Part 2 Protected Characteristics

Which protected characteristics communities will be positively or negatively affected by this policy, procedure or strategy?

NB Please place an X in the box which best describes the "overall" impact. It is possible for an assessment to identify that a positive policy can have some negative impacts and visa versa. When this is the case please identify both positive and negative impacts in Part 3 of this form.

If the impact on a protected characteristic communities are not known please state how you will gather evidence of any potential negative impacts in box Part 1 section 7 above.

	Positively	Negatively	No Impact	Not Known
Ethnic Minority Communities including Gypsies and Travellers	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender Reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or Belief	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People with a disability	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socio-economic	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy & Maternity	x <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 3 Impacts / Monitoring

<p>1) Have any positive impacts been identified? (We must ensure at this stage that we are not achieving equality for one strand of equality at the expense of another)</p>	<p>If yes please give further details</p> <p>Adoption allowance scheme ensures that families are not disadvantaged on the basis of their income.</p> <p>Proactive recruitment of prospective adopters irrespective of gender, disability, religion , sexual orientation or ethnicity</p>
<p>2) Have any negative impacts been identified? (Based on direct knowledge, published research, community involvement, customer feedback etc. If unsure seek advice from your departmental Equality Champion.)</p>	<p>If yes please give further details</p> <p>NO</p>
<p>3) What action is proposed to overcome any negative impacts? E.g. involving community groups in the development or delivery of the policy or practice, providing information in community languages etc. see Good Practice on DCC equalities web page</p>	<p>Please give further details</p>
<p>4) Is there a justification for continuing with this policy even if it cannot be amended or changed to end or reduce inequality without compromising its intended outcome? (If the policy that shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination you must stop and seek legal advice)</p>	<p>If yes please give further details</p> <p>NO</p>
<p>5) Has a 'Full' Equality Impact Assessment been recommended? (If the policy is a major one or is likely to have a major impact on protected characteristics communities a Full Equality Impact Assessment may be required) Seek advice from your departmental Equality lead.</p>	<p>If yes please give further details</p> <p>NO</p>
<p>6) How will the policy be monitored? (How will you know it is doing what it is intended to do? e.g. data collection, customer survey etc.</p>	<p>Please give details</p> <p>Reviewed in 2016.</p> <p>Interim monitoring and review via data collection, regular reporting to key stakeholders, service user feedback.</p>

Part 4 Contact information


Name of Department or Partnership: Social Work

Type of Document

Human Resource Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strategy/Service	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change Papers/Local Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidelines and Protocols	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	x <input type="checkbox"/>

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Signature of Director / Head of Service area:		Date
Name of Director / Head of Service:		
Date of next policy review:		