

## **Equality Impact Screening Form**

As a public authority we need to ensure that our strategies, policies, and services have had proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A screening process can help you to decide whether the initiative you are responsible for has a negative impact on an individual or group of people with any protected characteristics.

This initial screening template will help you to decide whether an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for the development or review of the Strategy/Policy/Service

Title of Strategy/Policy/Service:	Review Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy
Service Area:	Housing Needs
Officers responsible (Name and title):	Thom Gaunt – Housing Advice Team Leader
Is this a new or existing strategy /policy/project	Updated version of the current strategy (2020-2025)
Aims and objectives of the Strategy/Policy/Service	<p>The homelessness review will assess the levels and future levels of homelessness in South &amp; Vale. It will also assess activities which are carried out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prevent homelessness</li> <li>• ensure accommodation is available for people who are or may become homeless</li> <li>• provide support for people who are or may become homeless, or who need support to prevent them becoming homeless again</li> </ul> <p>The homelessness strategy is a 5-year strategy for:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preventing homelessness</li> <li>• securing that sufficient accommodation (of a range of types) is available for people who are or may become homeless</li> <li>• providing satisfactory support for people who are or may become homeless, or who need support to prevent them becoming homeless again</li> </ul>
Who are the customer groups/staff affected?	<p>All households seeking homeless advice and assistance from the district council, homeless clients and rough sleepers.</p> <p>Housing Needs Officers taking homeless applications and working with clients in housing need.</p>
Will there be any effect on other Council procedures or strategies?	No

**Potential impact that the Strategy/policy/service could have with regard to the protected characteristics**

Will this Strategy/practice/ service/policy/plan have a particular impact on any of the following groups:	Employment			Relevance/Risk (if any):
	Relevance/Risk:			
	High	Med	Low/none	
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	

Will this Strategy/practice/service/policy/ plan have a particular impact on any of the strands within the Public Sector Equality Duty:				Relevance/Risk (if any):
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	High	Med	Low/none	
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	
Religion or Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	
Gender Reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	
Pregnancy & Maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	
Marriage & Civil Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	
Rural isolation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	
Socio economic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	


Eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	
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Advancing equality of opportunity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fostering good relations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	

Overall impact on equalities	High:	Med:	Low/none:
	<b>Selected mostly high → High Priority → EIA to be completed</b>	<b>Selected mostly high and/or medium → EIA to be completed</b>	<b>Selected mostly low → Low Priority → Do not complete EIA not relevant</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x

**Note:** If there are any high or medium impacts identified a full Equality Impact Assessment will be required.

If an Equality Impact Assessment is not required, please sign and send this screening form to [equalities@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@southandvale.gov.uk)

Signed 	Dated 23/12/2024
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