

Cambridge City Council Equality Impact Assessment



Completing an Equality Impact Assessment will help you to think about what impact your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service may have on people that live in, work in or visit Cambridge, as well as on City Council staff.

The template is easy to use. You do not need to have specialist equalities knowledge to complete it. It asks you to make judgements based on evidence and experience. There are guidance notes on the intranet to help you. You can also get advice from David Kidston, Strategy and Partnerships Manager on 01223 457043 or email david.kidston@cambridge.gov.uk or from any member of the Joint Equalities Group.

1. Title of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service:

Arrangements for the transfer of services to the cultural trust, Cambridge Live

2. What is the objective or purpose of your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?

To reduce the subsidy required to these services.
To provide a sustainable financial and operational basis on which the services can thrive.
To manage and mitigate the risks to the authority of continuing to provide the services directly

3. Who will be affected by this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service? (Please tick those that apply)

- Residents
- Visitors
- Staff

A specific client group or groups (please state):

4. What type of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service is this? (Please tick)

- New
- Revised
- Existing

5. Responsible directorate and service

Directorate: Customer & Community Services

Service: Arts & Recreation

6. Are other departments or partners involved in delivering this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?

No

Yes (please give details):

Legal, Finance, Property, HR

7. Potential impact

Please list and explain how this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service could **positively** or **negatively** affect individuals from the following equalities groups.

When answering this question, please think about:

- The results of relevant consultation that you or others have completed (for example with residents, people that work in or visit Cambridge, service users, staff or partner organisations).
- Complaints information.
- Performance information.
- Information about people using your service (for example whether people from certain equalities groups use the service more or less than others).
- Inspection results.
- Comparisons with other organisations.
- The implementation of your piece of work (don't just assess what you think the impact will be after you have completed your work, but also think about what steps you might have to take to make sure that the implementation of your work does not negatively impact on people from a particular equality group).
- The relevant premises involved.
- Your communications.
- National research (local information is not always available, particularly for some equalities groups, so use national research to provide evidence for your conclusions).

(a) Age (any group of people of a particular age, including younger and older people)

Concern has been expressed by some members of staff about how their pensions would be affected in any change.

(b) Disability (including people with a physical impairment, sensory impairment, learning disability, mental health problem or other condition which has an impact on their daily life)

Opportunity to engage in the process if absent from work.

(c) Gender

None

(d) Pregnancy and maternity

Opportunity to engage in the process. Staff may be pregnant, or on maternity or adoption leave during transfer period.

(e) Transgender (including gender re-assignment)

None

(f) Marriage and Civil Partnership

None

(g) Race or Ethnicity

None

(h) Religion or Belief

None

(i) Sexual Orientation

None

(j) Other factor that may lead to inequality (please state):

The services currently run by the Council are tasked to be responsive and promote access to a broad section of the community. The Trust will be required to continue to develop a diverse and inclusive programme. Failure to do so would result in an exclusive programme that would not meet Council objectives.

8. If you have any additional comments please add them here

9. Conclusions and Next Steps

- If you have not identified any negative impacts, please sign off this form.
- If you have identified potential negative actions, you must complete the action plan at the end of this document to set out how you propose to mitigate the impact. If you do not feel that the potential negative impact can be mitigated, you must complete question 8 to explain why that is the case.
- If there is insufficient evidence to say whether or not there is likely to be a negative impact, please complete the action plan setting out what additional information you need to gather to complete the assessment.

All completed Equality Impact Assessments must be emailed to David Kidston, Strategy and Partnerships Manager, who will arrange for it to be published on the City Council's website. Email david.kidston@cambridge.gov.uk

10. Sign off

Name and job title of assessment lead officer: Debbie Kaye

Names and job titles of other assessment team members and people consulted:
Steve Bagnall, Cultural Facilities Manager,
Deborah Simpson, Head of HR
Karl Tattam, Support Services Manager

Date of completion: 3.1.2014 Reviewed October 2014

Date of next review of the assessment: N/A

Action Plan

Equality Impact Assessment title: Arrangements for the transfer of services to the cultural trust, Cambridge Live

Date of completion: 3.10.2014

Equality Group	Age
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	Staff concerned about LGPS pensions in the transfer
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	Discuss LGPS options with Trust; Discuss proposals and method of consultation with Trade Unions. Consult on arrangement with staff
Officer responsible for progressing the action	Debbie Kaye, Deborah Simpson
Date action to be completed by	December 2014
Equality Group	Disability
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	Lack of opportunity to engage in the process if absent from work (also applies to other long term absence)
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	Members of staff are being kept informed by a mixture of briefings from the Head of Service, emails from the Head of Service, and updates from managers at team meetings. Paper copies of key pieces of communication will be posted to home addresses where necessary. Formal consultation will include measures to ensure anyone with a disability has appropriate opportunity and support to participate. Staff on long term absence or sick leave will be consulted and kept informed.
Officer responsible for progressing the action	Debbie Kaye
Date action to be completed by	Ongoing
Equality Group	Gender
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	
Officer responsible for progressing the action	
Date action to be completed by	

Equality Group	Pregnancy and Maternity
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	Lack of opportunity to engage in the process and or may be on maternity or adoption leave during transfer period
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	Members of staff are being kept informed by a mixture of briefings from the Head of Service, emails from the Head of Service, and updates from managers at team meetings. Paper copies of key pieces of communication will be posted to home addresses where necessary. Employees will be kept informed and offered opportunity to engage in the processes.
Officer responsible for progressing the action	Debbie Kaye
Date action to be completed by	Ongoing
Equality Group	Transgender
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	
Officer responsible for progressing the action	
Date action to be completed by	
Equality Group	Marriage and Civil Partnership
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	
Officer responsible for progressing the action	
Date action to be completed by	
Equality Group	Race or Ethnicity
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	
Officer responsible for progressing the action	

Equality Group	Pregnancy and Maternity
Date action to be completed by	
Equality Group	Religion or Belief
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	
Officer responsible for progressing the action	
Date action to be completed by	
Equality Group	Sexual Orientation
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	
Officer responsible for progressing the action	
Date action to be completed by	
Other factors that may lead to inequality	
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	Inequality may arise if the approach to programming venues or events does not proactively consider the wide range of equality issues.
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	The Council will require the Trust to undertake audience development activity, to research and consult widely with communities and cultures in the City to ensure programming is responsive, and audiences reflect the diverse population of the City. In particular, the Trust will be asked to consider ways to create better access to people on lower incomes.
Officer responsible for progressing the action	Debbie Kaye
Date action to be completed by	October 2015