

Cambridge City Council Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)



This tool helps the Council ensure that we fulfil legal obligations of the [Public Sector Equality Duty](#) to have due regard to the need to –

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Guidance on how to complete this tool can be found on the Cambridge City Council intranet. For specific questions on the tool email Helen Crowther, Equality and Anti-Poverty Officer at equalities@cambridge.gov.uk or phone 01223 457046. Once you have drafted the EqIA please send this to equalities@cambridge.gov.uk for checking. For advice on consulting on equality impacts, please contact Graham Saint, Strategy Officer, (graham.saint@cambridge.gov.uk or 01223 457044).

<p>1. Title of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service:</p>
<p>Cambridge Air Quality Action Plan, 2017 - 23</p>
<p>2. Webpage link to full details of the strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service (if available)</p>
<p>Not available</p>
<p>3. What is the objective or purpose of your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?</p>
<p>To improve air quality and thus public health in Cambridge</p> <p>Air pollution in parts of Cambridge is above the EU Limit Values and the National Air Quality Objectives for Nitrogen Dioxide and therefore an Air Quality Action Plan was declared in 2004. A joint Air Quality Action Plan was adopted in 2008, which is now due for review and update. Cambridge City Council has a statutory responsibility to work towards reducing levels of air pollution under the Local Air Quality Management regime and may be fined if EU targets are not achieved.</p> <p>Poor air quality causes illness and vulnerable people - the old, the young and the already unwell - are most likely to suffer. Public Health data attributed 257 premature deaths in Cambridgeshire in 2010 to Particulate Air Pollution, compared with 34 from Road Traffic Accidents.</p> <p>Most air pollution in Cambridge is caused by traffic, around 65-80%, depending upon location. Air quality will remain under pressure due to the growth of the City and beyond as more people and jobs come to the area to live and work. Work to date has focussed on constraining traffic, through traffic restriction and planning policy, and accelerating improvement in the EURO engine standards of Bus and Taxi fleets. Future improvement is dependent on accelerating and stimulating the shift to low and ultra-low emission vehicles for both public and private fleets in combination with continued traffic constraint.</p>
<p>4. Responsible Service</p>
<p>Environmental Health</p>

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

Residents of Cambridge City

Visitors to Cambridge City

Staff

Please state any specific client group or groups (e.g. City Council tenants, tourists, people who work in the city but do not live here):

None, other than above.

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

New

Major change

Minor change

7. Are other departments or partners involved in delivering this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service? (Please tick)

No

Yes (Please provide details): Cambridgeshire County Council, Greater Cambridge Partnership

8. Has the report on your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service gone to Committee? If so, which one?

Yes, Environment Scrutiny Committee March 2015.

9. What research methods/ evidence have you used in order to identify equality impacts of your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?

Not applicable

10. Potential impacts

For each category below, please explain if the strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service could have a positive/ negative impact or no impact. Where an impact has been identified, please explain what it is. Consider impacts on service users, visitors and staff members separately.

(a) Age - Any group of people of a particular age (e.g. 32 year-olds) , or within a particular age range (e.g. 16-24 year-olds) – in particular, please consider any safeguarding issues for children and vulnerable adults

Will benefit the elderly and very young, as they are more likely to be negatively impacted by poor air quality.

(b) Disability - A person has a disability if she or he has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. (In this section please also include impacts of policies on carers.)

Will benefit those with existing health conditions, especially those with cardio-vascular problems, as they are more likely to be negatively impacted by poor air quality.

(c) Sex – A man or a woman.

Neutral

(d) Transgender – A person who does not identify with the gender they were assigned to at birth (includes gender reassignment that is the process of transitioning from one gender to another)

Neutral

(e) Pregnancy and maternity

There is some evidence indicating that poor air quality can lead to low birth weight.

(f) Marriage and civil partnership

Neutral

(g) Race - The protected characteristic 'race' refers to a group of people defined by their race, colour, and nationality (including citizenship) ethnic or national origins.

Neutral

(h) Religion or belief

Neutral

(i) Sexual orientation

Neutral

(j) Other factors that may lead to inequality – in particular – please consider the impact of any changes on low income groups or those experiencing the impacts of poverty

There is some evidence that people in low income groups are more likely to live in areas of poor air quality, so overall this plan should be positive.

11. Action plan – New equality impacts will be identified in different stages throughout the planning and implementation stages of changes to your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service. How will you monitor these going forward? Also, how will you ensure that any potential negative impacts of the changes will be mitigated? (Please include dates where possible for when you will update this EqlA accordingly.)

Not applicable

12. Do you have any additional comments?

no

13. Sign off

Name and job title of lead officer for this equality impact assessment: Anita Lewis, Scientific Officer

Names and job titles of other assessment team members and people consulted:

Jo Dicks, Environmental Quality & Growth Team Manager

Yvonne O'Donnell, Environment Health Manager

Date of EqIA sign off: 26/02/2018

Date of next review of the equalities impact assessment: 26/02/2020

Sent to Helen Crowther, Equality and Anti-Poverty Officer?

Yes

x No

Date to be published on Cambridge City Council website (if known):