

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.

1. Title of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service
Review of Statement of Gambling Principles

2. Webpage link to full details of the strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service (if available)
[\(10\) Project: Gambling statement of principles | Cambridge City Council](#)

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

The statement must be reviewed and published every three years. The review has been to update the statement to make sure it is current and follows any new guidance issued since 2022. Only minimal changes have been made to the statement to reflect the updated guidance.

4. Responsible Team and Group

Commercial and Licensing Team, Communities

<p>5. Who will be affected by this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?</p> <p>(Please tick all that apply)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residents</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitors</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff</p>
<p>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):</p> <p>Click here to enter text.</p>	

<p>6. What type of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service is this?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> New</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Major change</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor change</p>
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<p>7. Are other departments or partners involved in delivering this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service? (Please tick)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Responsible authorities play a part in delivering the assessment, these include the Police and Public Health.</p> <p>The proposed publishing of the Assessment has been sent to responsible authorities, those directly affected by the assessment and has been open to a public consultation. All responses received have been considered when producing the assessment.</p>	

<p>8. Has the report on your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service gone to Committee? If so, which one?</p>
<p>Is going to Licensing Committee on 20th January 2025</p>

<p>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?</p>
<p>The policy has been subject to a 12 week public consultation. The consultation was advertised on the Cambridge City Council website, an advert appeared in Cambridge News and responsible authorities directly contacted (including the police and the local child safeguarding board). People could respond via email or in writing or via citizen lab. 12 responses were received.</p>

The Licensing Authority will continue to work in partnership with its neighbouring authorities, the police, other agencies, local liaison groups, businesses and individuals towards the achievement of the licensing objectives through good practice.

The policy recognises the Equality Act 2010, including s149 of the Act which is the Public Sector Equality Duty. The Equality Act 2010 places a legal obligation on public authorities to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; to advance equality of opportunity; and to foster good relations, between persons with different protected characteristics.

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 - Please also consider any safeguarding issues for children and adults at risk

One of the licensing objectives is protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling (see the Statement of Principles for more information). The policy helps support this objective. The Local Safeguarding Children Board is a responsible authority and is recognised as being competent to advise on matters relating to the protection of children from harm.

During the review of the policy, they were consulted as a responsible authority and no response was received.

The safeguarding for children and vulnerable adults policy of Cambridge City Council will also be considered when determining licensing applications.

(b) Disability

We do not believe that the assessment will impact negatively on this target group. The assessment has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the assessment impacting on those with a disability.

The Licensing Authority will have regard to equality and will expect an applicant to meet their statutory obligations in this area and not unlawfully discriminate or refuse service on grounds of disability.

(c) Gender reassignment

We do not believe that the assessment will have an impact on this target group. The assessment has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the assessment impacting on gender.

The Licensing Authority will have regard to equality and will expect an applicant to meet their statutory obligations in this area and not unlawfully discriminate or refuse service on grounds of gender.

(d) Marriage and civil partnership

We do not believe that the assessment will impact negatively on this target group. The assessment has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the assessment impacting on marriage or civil partnership.

(e) Pregnancy and maternity

We do not believe that the assessment will impact negatively on this target group. The assessment has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the assessment impacting on pregnancy or maternity.

(f) Race – Note that the protected characteristic ‘race’ refers to a group of people defined by their race, colour, and nationality (including citizenship) ethnic or national origins.

We do not believe that the assessment will impact negatively on this target group. The assessment has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the assessment impacting on race.

The Licensing Authority will have regard to equality and will expect an applicant to meet their statutory obligations in this area and not unlawfully discriminate or refuse service on grounds of race

(g) Religion or belief

We do not believe that the policy will impact negatively on this target group. The policy has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the policy impacting on religion. The Licensing Authority will have regard to equality and will expect an applicant to meet their statutory obligations in this area and not unlawfully discriminate or refuse service on grounds of religion.

(h) Sex

We do not believe that the assessment will impact negatively on this target group. The assessment has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the assessment impacting on gender.

The Licensing Authority will have regard to equality and will expect an applicant to meet their statutory obligations in this area and not unlawfully discriminate or refuse service on grounds of gender.

(i) Sexual orientation

We do not believe that the assessment will impact negatively on this target group. The assessment has been open to a public consultation and no responses have been received in regards to the assessment impacting on sexual orientation.

The Licensing Authority will have regard to equality and will expect an applicant to meet their statutory obligations in this area and not unlawfully discriminate or refuse service on grounds of sexual orientation.

(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.**
- **People of any age with care experience – this refers to individuals who spent part of their childhood in the care system due to situations beyond their control, primarily arising from abuse and neglect within their families. The term “Care experience” is a description of a definition in law, it includes anyone that had the state as its corporate parent by virtue of a care order in accordance with the Children Act 1989 and amendments.**
- **Groups who have more than one protected characteristic that taken together create overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage. (Here you are being asked to consider intersectionality, and for more information see: https://media.ed.ac.uk/media/1_159kt25q).**

The policy will have no impact on any other factors that may lead to inequality. One of the licensing objectives in regards to gambling is protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

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 EqIA accordingly.)

The assessment will be kept under review and will remain in existence for a period of up to 3 years. It will be subject to review and further consultation before January 2028 or as required by changes in law or other policies.

12. Do you have any additional comments?

The licensing objectives also include preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime and ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.

As a means of assisting Licensing Authorities in determining whether the provision of gambling facilities at premises will be, and will remain, consistent with the licensing objectives, the Gambling Commission request that premises licence holders should have policies and procedures in place to mitigate the local risks to the licensing objectives arising from the provision of gambling at their premises.

Following the Gambling Commission's review of the social responsibility elements of the Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice (LCCP), the Commission have introduced a social responsibility code (SR code 10.1.1) which requires all premises licensees to assess the local risks to the licensing objectives posed by the provision of gambling facilities at each of their premises, and have policies, procedures and control measures to mitigate these risks. In undertaking their risk assessments, they must take into account relevant matters identified in the licensing authority's statement of policy.

The new SR provision is supplemented by an ordinary code provision that requires licensees to share their risk assessment with licensing authorities when applying for a premises licence or applying for a variation to existing licensed premises, or otherwise at the request of the licensing authority, such as when they are inspecting a premises.

Cambridge City Council has a Local Area Profile that licensees should consider when undertaking their local area risk assessments. The Local Area Profile can be found at the following link:

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/gambling-licensing-overview>

13. Sign off

Name and job title of lead officer for this equality impact assessment: Luke Catchpole, Environmental Health and Licensing Support Team Leader

Names and job titles of other assessment team members and people consulted: Yvonne O'Donnell, Environmental Health Manager

Date of EqIA sign off: 2nd December 2024

Date of next review of the equalities impact assessment: January 2028

Date to be published on Cambridge City Council website: January 2025

All EqIAs need to be sent to the Equality and Anti-Poverty Officer at equalities@cambridge.gov.uk