

## Equality Impact Toolkit (new version February 2012)

### Section 1: Your details

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Chief Officer: **David Green**

Department: [Technical Services](#)

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012

### Section 2: What Council function / proposal is being assessed?

[The progress to date and proposed future programme of the Key Component element of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund \(LSTF\).](#)

### Section 2b: Is this EIA being submitted to Cabinet or Overview & Scrutiny Committee?

Yes / No If 'yes' please state which meeting and what date

[Cabinet on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012](#)  
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And please add hyperlink to your published EIA on the Council's website

<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/equality-diversity-cohesion/equality-impact-assessments/eias-2010/technical-services-0>

**Section 3: Will the Council function / proposal affect equality in .....? (please tick relevant boxes)**

- Services**
- The workforce**
- Communities**
- Other** (please state)

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 4.

- None** (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for publishing)

**Section 4: Within the Equality Duty 2010, there are 3 legal requirements. Will the Council function / proposal support the way the Council .....(please tick relevant boxes)**

- Eliminates unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- Advances equality of opportunity
- Fosters good relations between groups of people

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 5.

- None** (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for publishing)

**Section 5: Will the function / proposal have a positive or negative impact on any of the protected groups (race, gender, disability, gender reassignment, age, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership)?**

**You may also want to consider socio-economic status of individuals.**

Please list in the table below and include actions required to mitigate any negative impact.

Protected characteristic	Positive or negative impact	Action required to mitigate any negative impact	Lead person	Timescale	Resource implications
All	Positive	None	Mike Peet	N/A	N/A

**Section 5a: Where and how will the above actions be monitored?**

Measures will be monitored through the Merseyside Transport Partnership (MTP) in respect of the required monitoring/reporting mechanisms to the Department for Transport as part of the funding agreement.

**Section 5b: If you think there is no negative impact, what is your reasoning behind this?**

The LSTF programme has been developed to help to build local economies and to address climate change. The programme supports individuals who may be socially excluded by improving their accessibility to employment. Health inequalities are addressed, especially through promotion of healthier modes of transport such as walking and cycling. Sustainable transport assists in the reduction of carbon emissions and therefore improves air quality. Increased use of public transport can reduce the number of single occupancy vehicle trips. Travel training can greatly assist an individual to build confidence and become more independent.

**Section 6:** What research / data / information have you used in support of this process?

The project aims are clearly set out in the DfT guidance however as part of the bidding process for the funding we drew upon numerous examples and case studies of similar projects, both within Merseyside and throughout the UK. The project aims to assist local communities and is very much focussed on building the economy through assisting individuals and local businesses. The detailed bid document can be viewed at [http://www.letstravelwise.org/content203\\_Local-Sustainable-Transport-Fund.html](http://www.letstravelwise.org/content203_Local-Sustainable-Transport-Fund.html)

**Section 7:** Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council function / policy?

Yes – further consultation will take place with local residents (infrastructure schemes) and with appropriate forums (e.g. cycling or pedestrian forum). Consultation will also take place with clients/beneficiaries of the scheme interventions to monitor impact of scheme.

If 'yes' please continue to section 8.

If 'no' please state your reason(s) why:

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**Section 8:** How will consultation take place?

All beneficiaries of the interventions will be asked to participate in a 3 and 6 month review.

Forum members and residents will be contacted as per usual consultation procedures i.e. emails, letter drops etc.

Before you complete your consultation, please email your 'incomplete' EIA to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) via your Chief Officer in order for the Council to ensure it is meeting it's legal requirements. The EIA will be published with a note saying we are awaiting outcomes from a consultation exercise.

Once you have completed your consultation, please review your actions in section 5. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for re-publishing.

**Section 9: Have you remembered to:**

- a) **Add a hyperlink to your published EIA on the Council website?** (section 2b)
- b) **Include any positive impacts as well as negative impacts?** (section 5)
- c) **Send this EIA to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) via your Chief Officer?**
- d) **Review section 5 once consultation has taken place and sent your completed EIA to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) via your Chief Officer for re-publishing?**

*Before you finalise this report, please delete section 9*