

Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit

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Section 1: Your details

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Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

CLIMATE CHANGE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACTION PLAN 2016

Section 2a: Will this EIA be submitted to a Cabinet or Policy & Performance Committee?

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

Cabinet, 7th November, 2016

Please select hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council's website (please select appropriate link & delete those not relevant)

Chief Executive (Neighbourhoods & Engagement, Policy, Performance & Public Health, Universal & Infrastructure Services)

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments/equality-impact-assessments-2014-15/chief>

Section 3: Does the proposal have the potential to affect..... (please tick relevant boxes)

- Services**
- The workforce**
- Communities**
- Other** (please state eg: Partners, Private Sector, Voluntary & Community Sector)

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 engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 4:

Could the proposal have a positive or negative impact on any 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 potential negative impact.

Which group(s) of people could be affected	Potential positive or negative impact	Action required to mitigate any potential negative impact	Lead person	Timescale	Resource implications
Disabled/ people with existing health conditions / children/ older people/ People on low incomes/ Socially isolated	<p>Steps to deliver climate adaptation and reduce climate emissions are anticipated to have a positive impact for the vulnerable groups identified.</p> <p>Widespread local flooding in 2015 (AECOM, 2015) provided further evidence that extreme weather episodes already impact Wirral (Wirral Council, 2015). Future scenarios (UKCIP, 2009) indicate we can expect an increase in the frequency and severity of extreme weather events, such as heavy rainfall, droughts and heat-waves. Such events have more severe consequences for vulnerable sections of the community (Bates, G., Chadborn, N., Jones, L. and McVeigh, J., 2011; Marmot, M.G., 2010).</p>	<p>The regular public reporting of progress and the continued development of the rolling action plan to support implementation of the climate strategy is considered to have positive impacts for vulnerable groups. It provides a means to extend involvement in implementing the strategy as well as helping to draw attention to difficulties arising on route.</p>	Bryan Lipscombe	<p>Continued annual Reports and rolling plan development</p> <p>Strategy Review commencing 2018</p>	

Section 4a: Where and how will the above actions be monitored?

The Wirral Climate Change Group continues to oversee the implementation of the strategy and make annual reports to Wirral Council via Cabinet.

Section 4b: If you think there is no negative impact, what is your reasoning behind this?

The successful implementation of the climate strategy is considered to have positive impacts for vulnerable groups. The production of an annual report and rolling action plan in support of the strategy has been identified as a means to keep implementation of the strategy on track.

Section 5: What research / data / information have you used in support of this process?

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – Climate and Health paper

<http://info.wirral.nhs.uk/ourjsna/climate&health.html>

AECOM (2016) Wirral Borough Council: Section 19 Flood Investigation: 22nd August and 2nd September 2015, AECOM, Manchester, UK

Bates, G., Chadborn, N., Jones, L. and McVeigh, J. (2011) The Impact of climate change upon health and health inequalities in the north west of England Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool, UK.

Committee on Climate Change (2016), UK Climate Change Risk Assessment 2017

Synthesis report: priorities for the next five years

Defra (2012) UK Climate Change Risk Assessment: Government Report, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, London, UK.

Marmot, M.G., (2010) Fair society, healthy lives: Strategic review of health inequalities in England post-2010. The Marmot Review, London UK.

Northwest Climate Change Partnership (2012) A Summary of Climate Change Risks for North West England - To coincide with the publication of the UK Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) 2012 The Northwest Climate Change Partnership, Warrington, UK.

UKCIP (2009) The UK Climate Projections 2009 (UKCP09)

Wirral Council (2015) Wirral Local Climate Impact Profile 2005-2014, Sustainability Unit, Wirral Council, Birkenhead, UK

Section 6: Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council proposal?

No – (please delete as appropriate)

If 'yes' please continue to section 7.

If 'no' please state your reason(s) why: The climate change strategy was subject to full consultation process. The rolling action plan and progress report is developed via a multi-partner group with representation from different sectors

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Section 7: How will consultation take place and by when?

Before you complete your consultation, please email your preliminary EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer in order for the Council to ensure it is meeting it's legal publishing requirements. The EIA will need to 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 4. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing.

Section 8: Have you remembered to:

- a) **Select appropriate directorate hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published** (section 2a)
- b) **Include any potential positive impacts as well as negative impacts?** (section 4)
- c) **Send this EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer?**
- d) **Review section 4 once consultation has taken place and sent your updated EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer for re-publishing?**