Section 1: Your details

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Date: 06 June 2014

Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

Proposed designation of Unity in Our Community as the statutory Neighbourhood Planning Forum for Leasowe.

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 – 7 July 2014

Please add hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council’s website
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.

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<th>Which group(s) of people could be affected</th>
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<td>All groups</td>
<td>The aim of promoting the economic, social, health and environmental well being of the Community within the Leasowe Neighbourhood Forum area, in order to reduce high levels of deprivation has a potential positive impact upon all groups, pending the drafting and completion of relevant statutory Neighbourhood Planning proposals.</td>
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<td>The aim of providing opportunities for local people to inform and influence local decision making has a potential positive impact upon all groups, pending the drafting and completion of relevant statutory Neighbourhood Planning proposals.</td>
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<td>Encouraging openness and transparency amongst all groups and statutory agencies has a potential positive impact upon all groups, pending the drafting and completion of relevant statutory Neighbourhood Planning proposals.</td>
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<td>Providing an opportunity for local people to influence where possible priorities and services offered by groups, statutory organisations and new businesses, whilst having an input to developments in the area has a potential positive impact upon all groups, pending the drafting and completion of relevant statutory Neighbourhood Planning proposals.</td>
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<td>Statutory provisions require open membership to everyone who lives, works in or is an elected Member representing the area affected and statutory public consultation as part of the drafting and completion of any emerging statutory Neighbourhood Planning proposals, including a local referendum of all registered electors within the area to be affected, which will also have a potential positive impact.</td>
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Section 5: Where and how will the above actions be monitored?

Membership of the Forum and the preparation of neighbourhood planning proposals will be monitored by Unity in Our Community under the provisions of their proposed constitution.

The Council will also have a role in ensuring that any statutory requirements have been complied with before any neighbourhood planning proposals are submitted to statutory public examination and local referendum.

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

The proposed constitution for the proposed Neighbourhood Forum contains the objectives which have been assessed under Section 5 of this EIA. The objectives focus on positive involvement of all members of the community and it is therefore considered that no negative impacts are likely to result from the designation of the Neighbourhood Forum, if confirmed by the Portfolio Holder.

This assessment will need to be reviewed within a subsequent EIA, to be prepared when the content of the emerging Neighbourhood Planning proposals are available.

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


Formal application for designation of a Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Area for Leasowe from Unity in Our Community, to meet the requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012 No. 637).

Section 7: Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council proposal?

No. A 6 week period of public consultation has already taken place in accordance with the Delegated Decision published on 26 February 2014, to comply with national regulations.

If ‘yes’ please continue to section 8.

If ‘no’ please state your reason(s) why:
Section 8: 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 its 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 5. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing.

Section 9: 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 5 once consultation has taken place and sent your updated EIA to engage@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer for re-publishing?