

AssessmentNo	60	Owner	JStevenson1
Resource	Transformation		Service/Establishment Regulatory
	First Name	Surname	Job title
Head Officer	John	Stevenson	Service Co-ordinator Environmental Health
	(include job titles/organisation)		
Members	Graham Pollock		
	<i>(Please note: the word 'policy' is used as shorthand for strategy policy function or financial decision)</i>		
Policy Title	Review of Pest Control Charges		
	The aim, objective, purpose and intended out come of policy		
	The aim of the policy is to increase charges in an attempt to achieve a cost neutral pest control service.		
	Service/Partners/Stakeholders/service users involved in the development and/or implementation of policy.		
	Housing Services		
Does the proposals involve the procurement of any goods or services?		No	
If yes please confirm that you have contacted our procurement services to discuss your requirements.		No	
SCREENING			
<i>You must indicate if there is any relevance to the four areas</i>			
Duty to eliminate discrimination (E), advance equal opportunities (A) or foster good relations (F)		Yes	
Relevance to Human Rights (HR)		No	
Relevance to Health Impacts (H)		No	
Relevance to Social Economic Impacts (SE)		No	
Who will be affected by this policy?			
Residents			
Who will be/has been involved in the consultation process?			
Officers			
Please outline any particular need/barriers which equality groups may have in relation to this policy list evidence you are using to support this and whether there is any negative impact on particular groups.			
	Needs	Evidence	Impact
Age		Younger people are more likely to be income deprived than older people	No impact on income deprived citizens who do not own their own house as these residents will not be charged directly for Pest Control Services.
Cross Cutting		Relatively small number of people likely to be impacted	See above
Disability		Disabled people are	See above

		more likely to be income deprived than non disabled people	
Social & Economic Impact			
Gender		Women are more likely to be income deprived	See above
Gender Reassign			
Health			
Human Rights			
Marriage & Civil Partnership			
Pregnancy & Maternity		Cross cuts with gender	See above
Race		People from BME groups are more likely to be income deprived	See above
Religion and Belief			
Sexual Orientation			
Actions			
Policy has a negative impact on an equality group, but is still to be implemented, please provide justification for this.			
Potential negative impact on home owners ability to pay who are income deprived however the main increase in charges is in relation to pests of public health significance which only affect a very small number of properties.(Refer to Section 4.9 of the Committee report) Charges are actually decreasing for the more common insect pests i.e. wasps and are only increasing in line with inflation for rats, mice and other insect pests. As the Pest Control Service is operating in a competitive commercial market home owners are free to choose alternative providers.			
Will the impact of the policy be monitored and reported on an ongoing bases?			
Yes. Refer to Section 2.1 iv of the Committee report			
Q7 What is your recommendation for this policy?			
Introduce			
Please provide a meaningful summary of how you have reached the recommendation			
There is considered to be no significant impact on any protected groups as the policy will apply to all private homeowners and Registered Social Landlords who request to use our service.			