



Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit (January 2021)

Section 1: Your details

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Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

Wirral Air Quality Strategy 2023-2028

The Air Quality Strategy will outline the work that we will undertake to support the government's long-term air quality goals, including a steep percentage reduction to population exposure to particulate matter (PM2.5). The strategy will prioritise the actions that will be taken to achieve the overall aim and objectives.

This is an overarching EIA assessment and will be reviewed and amended as the policy develops and any issues become known. Specific priorities may require a further assessment, which will be done at the earliest stage to demonstrate compliance with the general equality duty under The Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty (s 149 2011)

Section 2a: Will this EIA be submitted to a Committee meeting?

Yes / No

If 'yes' please state which meeting and what date

The Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee –
Tuesday 5th December 2023

Hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council's website

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

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 (age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation)?

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
All	Negative - We recognise that some people may need information in different languages and or formats.	We will ensure that any information is available in different languages and formats upon request and within a reasonable timeframe. We will be clear on how the public can request information	Chair of Air Quality Strategy	We have a call off contract which can be accessed through Procurement	There may be a cost for translation and interpretation services
All	Insight, intelligence and evaluation. – A successful strategy requires robust and sound information and decisions will be built upon local and regional data and evidence base.	We will gather information from local partners and groups. Progress will be measured against strategic priorities and this will influence service delivery. Equality implications will be built into this procedure. Any engagement activities will be as accessible as possible in	Chair of Air Quality Strategy	Throughout the lifespan of the strategy	Not known at this stage

		order to collect the views of as much of the community as possible			
All	Negative - It is accepted that some people who have protected characteristics may be affected differently and disproportionately by health inequality.	This new strategy takes a partnership approach to improving health outcomes by improving Air Quality across the borough. We will ensure any services are as accessible as possible. The strategy has been co-developed with input from local and regional partners. This will continue throughout any review process	Chair of Air Quality Strategy	Throughout the lifespan of the	Capacity building Not known at this stage

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

We will ensure that a robust governance procedure is in place from strategic level to delivery priorities.

An implementation plan will be produced with key milestones, priorities and performance indicators.

Each delivery plan will have an accountable lead group. Equality implications will be monitored at these meetings.

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

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

This strategy has been developed in partnership with various external stakeholders including; National Health Service, Transport Sector, external Small Medium Enterprise's, various charities and local authority teams bringing together a wide range of partners to improve Air Quality in Wirral.

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

Yes /No – (please delete as appropriate)

If 'yes' please continue to section 7.

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

(please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to engage@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

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

The proposal to implement an Air Quality Strategy for the Borough was open to the public consultation process from September 4th 2023- October 2nd 2023. Members of the public where invited to have their say by using an online survey on the "Have Your Say" Platform.

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?**