

# Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal Hythe Ferry Subsidy  
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## **Description of Service / Policy**

The annual subsidy for the Hythe-Southampton ferry service needs to be reinstated to enable the continuation of a valuable transport link. The previous operator received an annual subsidy from 1995 until it ceased operation in March 2017. The ferry service provides an environmentally friendly alternative transport option for commuters, shoppers and visitors and supports the local economy.

Geographical impact\* New Forest

## **Description of proposed change**

The proposal is to reinstate the subsidy for the service now that a new operator has taken over running the service. Without the subsidy the service will not be sustainable and the funding is intended to enable the new operator to develop the service.

## **Engagement and consultation**

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? No

## **Impacts of the proposed change**

This impact assessment covers Service users

<b>Statutory considerations</b>	<b>Impact</b>
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Age	Neutral
Disability	Neutral
Sexual Orientation	Neutral
Race	Neutral
Religion and Belief	Neutral
Gender Reassignment	Neutral
Gender	Neutral
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral
Pregnancy and Maternity	Neutral

**Other policy considerations**

Poverty                                  Neutral

Rurality                                  Neutral

Neutrality Statement      The decision will provide for the continuity of this service, and so no disproportionate impact upon people with protected characteristics is anticipated.

***Additional Information***

The proposal supports the Shaping Hampshire Strategic Plan by supporting economic growth and prosperity for local and tourist businesses, helping people live independent lives, supporting the environment and maintaining a strong local community.