

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

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Description of current service/policy

The County Council already works to support environmental health authorities in tackling poor air quality especially in regards to road user generated air pollution. However, accountability is fragmented across different tiers of authority.

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

Given the increasing evidence, government mandated action and public awareness around poor air quality, there is a need to develop options for undertaking additional air quality work and a potential 'coordination role' related to HCC's core functions as both highway and public health authority.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? No

No consultation at this time. The report is focused on internal changes to County Council activity and process to better support existing statutory responsibilities and drive increased coordination.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
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Age: Positive	Potential positive impact on public health & well-being as poor air quality disproportionately impacts on older and younger people.	
Disability: Positive	Potential positive impact on public health & well-being as poor air quality disproportionately impacts people with certain pre-existing health conditions or disabilities and effects specific organs.	
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		
Gender: Neutral		
Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity: Positive	Potential positive impact on public health & well-being as poor air quality disproportionately impacts pregnant mothers and unborn children.	
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Positive	Potential positive impact on public health & well-being as the national trend is that poor air quality disproportionately impacts areas of high social deprivation to a greater extent.	
Rurality: Neutral		

Any other information

Primary connection to Objectives 2 & 3 of the Strategic Plan

Secondary connection to Objectives 1 & 4 of the Strategic Plan