

Equality Impact Assessment

What is an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) and why does the County Council do them?

The [Public Sector Equality Duty](#) (PSED) is an obligation within the [Equality Act 2010](#) (“the Act”), which asks public authorities, like Hampshire County Council, to give ‘due regard’ to equality considerations, in particular to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

This includes assessing the impact of policies and practices on individuals and communities with a protected characteristic, as defined in the Act and some other specific groups. The County Council uses EIAs to ensure it has paid ‘due regard’ to equalities considerations when there are changes to a service or policy, a new project or certain decisions.

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Title:	Universal Services Capital Programme - 2025/26 Year End Update
Related EIAs:	None
EIA for Savings Programme:	No
Service affected	Universal Services capital programme
Description of the service/policy/project/project phase	The purpose of this report is to provide a high-level summary of progress and delivery within the capital programme and confirm the year end position for 2025/26. In addition, this paper provides recommendations for changes to the programme in 2026/27 and beyond.
New/changed service/policy/project	There are 4 proposals: 1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services notes the significant progress in delivering the Universal Services capital programme in 2025/26, totalling a gross spend of £132.830 million. 1.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the addition of the schemes in table 1 to the capital programme. 1.3 That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the amendment to the capital programme value of the scheme in table 2. 1.4 The Executive Lead Member for Universal Services notes the amendment to the scheme in table 3 and that this will be recommended for approval to Cabinet.

Engagement
None

Equalities considerations - Impact Assessment

Age

Impact on public	Neutral
Impact on staff	Neutral
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Mitigation	

Disability

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Gender Reassignment

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Pregnancy and Maternity

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Race

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Religion or Belief

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Sex

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Sexual Orientation

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Marriage and Civil Partnership

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Poverty

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Rurality

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Geographical Impact: All Hampshire

Equality Statement

Additional information:

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Overview Statement:

A summary assessment to show that due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty has been paid, which is undertaken when a full EIA is not needed:

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