

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT - SCREENING DOCUMENT

Directorate	Health & Community	Division	Planning & Commissioning	Person Responsible for Assessment	Davinder Gill Service Development Officer (Adults)
Name of the Policy/Strategy	Travel Policy & Procedure	Date of Assessment	18.4.08	Is this a New or Existing Policy?	Existing
1	What are the aims and objectives of the Policy / Strategy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote a range of travel options available to people who access services. • To promote the independence of people by encouraging and supporting independent travel. • To provide clear guidelines to staff and managers on the provision of transport. • To provide clear guidelines to staff and managers regarding the charges associated with the provision of transport. • To reduce air pollution and encourage the use of sustainable resources by promoting the use of public transport. 			
2	What outcomes are wanted from the Policy / Strategy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased use of independent travel and public transport. • Stricter eligibility applied to those currently in receipt of Council provided transport to reduce dependency. • Income generation through the application of a charge for those in receipt of Council transport. 			
3	Who is intended to benefit from the Policy / Strategy, and how?	All adults over the age of 18 who access social care services.			
4	Who are the main stakeholders in the Policy / Strategy?	Adults social care staff, Transport Co-ordination staff, service users and their carers.			
5	Who implements the Policy / Strategy	Adults social care staff, in particular those responsible for the assessment			

	and has responsibility for it?	and care management of service users.		
6	Are there any associated Policies / Strategies or objectives?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Best Value Review of Transport Report • Service Level Indicator Policy for Adults with Learning Disabilities • Service Level Agreement between Environment & Health & Community for the Provision of Transport 		
7	Could the Policy / Strategy have a differential impact (positive or negative):			
		Yes	No	Evidence
a	On Racial Groups		X	The Policy does not have a differential impact on racial groups.
b	Due to Gender		X	The Policy does not have a differential impact with regard to an individual's gender.
c	Due to Disability		X	Travel assistance, ie, transport, is currently provided to those with disability or mobility problems. The Policy offers and encourages a range of alternative options should an individual be deemed no longer eligible to receive Council transport.
d	Due to Sexual Orientation		X	The Policy does not have a differential impact with regard to an individual's sexual orientation.
e	Due to Age		X	The Policy does not have a differential impact with regard to an individual's age.
f	Due to Religion		X	The Policy does not have a differential impact with regard to an individual's religion.
8	Available statistical/qualitative information relevant to the Policy / Strategy and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other LAs charging rates. • Paper on the implications on FACS with regard to the application of a 		

	equality issues	charge. • Financial information.
9	Could the Policy / Strategy affect relations between different groups in the Borough?	No – the Policy applies to all groups accessing social care services and is therefore equitable.
10	Could the Policy / Strategy damage relations between groups in the Borough and the Authority?	No – the Policy applies to all groups accessing social care services and is therefore equitable.

DECISION

Does the Policy / Strategy:	Eliminate unlawful discrimination	Yes	X	No	
	Promote equality of opportunity	Yes	X	No	
	Promote good relations between different groups in the community	Yes	X	No	
Impact Assessment: LOW					
Agreed By	SMT / Directorate Equalities Group	Date	14.5.2008		
Actions to Be Taken:					
			Yes	No	
1	Collect more evidence			X	
2	Conduct formal consultations			X	
3	Reconsider Policy / Strategy			X	
4	Resubmit Policy / Strategy			X	
5	Adopt Policy / Strategy		X		
6	Make monitoring arrangements		X		
7	Publish assessment results		X		

Additional Comments:

The existing Policy came into effect in April 2007. This revised Policy incorporates an increase in charges from 50p to £1 per trip, maximum weekly charges, an update on the concessionary travel pass which can now be used nationwide, information on the Blue Badge Scheme, criteria for the single occupancy use of taxis or other LA provided transport and an Eligibility Quick Practice Guide as Appendix 3 which professionals may detach and take with them on visits.