

Equality Impact Assessment and Analysis - Evaluation Tool

NB. The process of completing this form should be commenced at the start of any project. This form should be used for any service changes and for periodic reviews of data i.e. this form is to be updated on a regular basis.

Name of service / function / issue under consideration:	Street Care – Proposed Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Fouling
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Date of the last completed EqIAA relating to the service / function / issue under consideration:	Not applicable – new Public Spaces Protection Order
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Context:	We are proposing to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order giving the Council increased enforcement powers against people who do not clean up after their dogs. The PSPO will update historic legislation relating to dog fouling, and increase the amount of the Fixed Penalty Notice.
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(Note: double-click the boxes to insert a check mark)

DEMAND	Is there any indication or evidence (locally or nationally) that different groups will have different needs, experiences, issues or priorities in relation to service / function / issue under consideration?	Age	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Disability	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Gender Reassignment	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Marriage & Civil Partnership	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Pregnancy & Maternity	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Race	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Religion or Belief	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Sex	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Sexual Orientation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		More information is needed	<input type="checkbox"/>		

NB. Primary source of evidence should be locally collected evidence; if none is available, national data can be used in its place.

OUTCOMES	Is there any indication or evidence (locally or nationally) that different groups will have participation levels, satisfaction levels or outcomes in relation to service / function / issue under consideration?	Age	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Disability	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Gender Reassignment	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Marriage & Civil Partnership	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Pregnancy & Maternity	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Race	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Religion or Belief	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
		Sex	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
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		More information is needed	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Describe the evidence and what it tells you.

- The proposal will affect all dog owners who exercise their dogs in South Gloucestershire. There is no record of the number of dogs in South Gloucestershire, but national estimates are that 26% of households have at least one dog. The proposals will also affect anyone who walks or plays on our streets and open spaces.
- The proposal will have a positive effect on children, who are more likely to come into contact with dog faeces when playing on open spaces. Children are at greatest risk of contracting infections associated with dog fouling.
- The proposal may have a negative impact on disabled people, who due to their disability may not be able to clear up after their dog.
- Dog Fouling is of concern to residents, who want the Council to take robust enforcement action against irresponsible dog owners. Improving our enforcement of dog fouling will have a positive impact on the Council's reputation.
- Financial Implications: there will be minimal financial implications for the Council in that enforcement will be carried out by existing staff as part of their routine work. There will be no financial implication on those dog owners who behave responsibly and clear up after their dogs.

Impact on Protected Characteristic groups:

Positive: Low Moderate Substantial
 Negative: Low Moderate Substantial Catastrophic

Impact on Council reputation: Positive Negative Neutral

Financial Implications: Small Medium High

Explain why the above check boxes have been selected:

Children are more likely to come into contact with dog fouling and are at a greater risk of infection. Taking measures to reduce dog fouling will have a positive impact on this group. Disabled people may not be able to clear up after their dogs.

List the Sources of evidence you have used:

Street Care customer satisfaction surveys

Considering the evidence and what it tells you about impacts, are there any actions that are currently being taken which mitigate negative impact and/or improve on a positive impact?

The proposed PSPO excludes the owners of registered assistance dogs from the Order, where their disability prevents them from clearing up after their dog. We are not proposing to exclude all assistance dogs – for example in many cases a person with a hearing dog would be able to clear up after their dog.

What further actions will be taken?

(e.g. Carry out consultation, Conduct a further analysis in 12 months, Stop here)
 Public consultation will take place on the proposed PSPO and further analysis made on any equalities issues raised.

Conclusions

A full EqIAA is required, tick here: (this may take 6 to 12 months to complete)

The proposed PSPO may have a positive impact on young people who are more likely to come into contact with dog fouling and are at greater risk of infection. There may be a negative impact on disabled people, but this will be mitigated by excluding registered assistance dogs from the PSPO where a person's disability prevents them from being able to clean up after their dog.

Signed by officer responsible for the service/function/issue under consideration.
This work has been carried out correctly and accurately:

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Date: 02/11/2018