

Thanet District Council (TDC) Equality Impact Assessment

Step one: test for relevance

1 Person responsible for this assessment

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3. Description of strategy, policy, service, project, activity or decision

Title:	Provision of a new DDA compliant toilet at the Marine Drive subterranean toilets Margate.
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Is it new?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
A review of existing?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3.1 Aims and objectives

Consider: **what** you are doing? **why** you are doing it? **who** will benefit?

The project aims to provide a new accessible toilet facility at promenade/ground level at the existing location of the currently closed subterranean toilets on Marine Drive in Margate. The existing subterranean toilet is also to be fully refurbished. We are doing this to improve the council's existing, public toilet provision at Margate Main Sands.

3.2 What outcomes are expected? Who is expected to benefit?

All groups of people are expected to benefit from the new toilet facility, including visitors and residents.

4 Who is affected?

- 4.1 Which groups or individuals does the strategy, policy, service, project, activity or decision affect? For example, the Council, employees (including temporary workers), other public authorities, contractors, partner organisations, wider community, others.

The project affects all groups of people, including visitors, residents, families and those with a disability.

- 4.2 Does the strategy, policy, service, project, activity or decision relate to a service area with known inequalities? (Give a brief description).

Yes, there are popular foreshore areas where no accessible toilets are currently open. Margate currently only has permanent accessible toilets at the far West end of the bay with a portaloo provided at the East end of the bay 400m away.

5 Equality Act 2010

How does the strategy, policy, service, project, activity or decision actively meet the public sector equality duties to:

Eliminate unlawful discrimination (including harassment, victimisation and other prohibited conduct)

Advance equality of opportunity (between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it)

Providing accessible toilets will enable those with protected characteristics to use the area which currently does not provide the facilities for those with protected characteristics.

Foster good relations (between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it). Could it have an adverse impact on relations between different diverse groups?

The project should not have an adverse impact on relations between different diverse groups.

6 Priority

The following questions will help you to identify whether this 'service' is a high priority. Please answer all questions with particular reference to the protected characteristics; race, gender, gender reassignment,

disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, age, marriage and civil marriage/partnership and pregnancy and maternity.

Please provide a comment for each answer, providing evidence for your answer, regardless whether you have answered yes or no.

Questions	Yes	No
1. Are there any particular groups who may have trouble accessing the 'service'?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments: The new toilet block is intended to improve accessibility.		
2. Does your information suggest that some groups of people are less satisfied than others with this 'service'?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Comments: Currently people with protected characteristics cannot use the service. The project's main aim is to address this.		
3. Will this service have a significant impact on any of our residents?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments: Although very positive for residents, it will not have a "significant" impact		
4. Do you have any evidence that discrimination, harassment and/or victimisation could occur as part of this service?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments:		
5. Do you think the service will hinder communication and negatively impact relations between the organisation and its employees, residents, contractors or anyone else?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments:		
6. Does this service need to improve the way in which it is communicated to people who have literacy, numeracy or any other access needs?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments:		
7. Does consultation need to be carried out?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments:		

In order to assess the priority of your 'service' please complete the table below by adding up how many questions you answered yes to and following the appropriate action.

Priority	Number of questions answered 'yes'	Rating	Action
High	3 or more		Continue to section 2
Medium	1 to 2		Please provide evidence to any questions you answered 'yes' to in section 1. Test for relevance complete (sometimes a full assessment may be required).
Low	0		Test for relevance complete.

If, following the completion of the test for relevance, a full assessment is not required, go straight to the declaration. If a full assessment is required, go to Step two: full equality impact assessment.

Step two: full equality impact assessment

1 Could the strategy, policy, service, project, activity or decision have a **negative, positive or neutral** effect on groups or individuals?

Consider:

What you are doing?

Why you are doing it?

How you are doing it?

Who can access the service easily and who may not be able to access the service and **why**?

The full analysis explores ways to reduce or eliminate barriers and/or negative impacts.

Protected characteristics	N e g a t i v e	P o s i t i v e	N e u t r a l	Evidence/Reasoning (Consider any barriers which will have negative impact and/or good practices giving positive impact)
<p>Age</p> <p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The way younger and older people access services may be different • Use of technology • Child care/care of other dependant • Timings/flexibility, such as work patterns • Transport arrangements • Venue location 				<p>Recommendations:</p>
<p>Disability (Includes: physical, learning, sensory (deaf/blind), mental health)</p> <p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication methods • Accessibility – venue, location, transport • Range of support needed to participate • Hearing Loops/Interpreters • Disability awareness training for employees 				<p>Recommendations:</p>
<p>Race (Includes; gypsy, travelling, refugee and migrant communities)</p> <p>Consider:</p>				<p>Recommendations:</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The size of the BME communities that your service/project affects. • Language(s) spoken/understood. • Culture, such as hygiene, clothing, physical activities, mixed gender activities. • What access support can you offer? 			
<p>Religion, faith or belief</p> <p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The diversity within the communities that your service/project affect • Prayer times, meal times, food (some religions do not eat meat), cultural habit or belief, religious holidays such as Ramadan • Awareness training for employees 			<p>Recommendations:</p>
<p>Pregnancy and maternity</p> <p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible hours of the service/project • Is there access to private area for breastfeeding mothers? 			<p>Recommendations:</p>
<p>Gender</p> <p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact on men and women • Child care/care of other dependant • Mixed/single gender groups/activities • Timing of services/projects 			<p>Recommendations:</p>
<p>Sexual orientation (Includes: lesbian, gay, bisexual)</p> <p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGB people should feel safe to disclose their sexual orientation without fear of prejudice • Make it clear you recognised civil 			<p>Recommendations:</p>

marriage and partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness training for employees 				
Transgender Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trans people should be able to disclose their gender identity without fear of prejudice Making it clear you have a Trans policy and process Awareness training for employees 				Recommendations:
Marriage and civil marriage/partnership Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All couples or partners, regardless of gender, should be able to access services 				Recommendations:

Outsourced services	
If your policy/process is partly or wholly provided by external organisations/agencies (such as Civica or Capita), please list any arrangements you plan to ensure that they promote equality and diversity. Include this in your improvement plan	
Relations between different equality groups	
Does your assessment show that a strategy, policy or process may amount to potential adverse impact between different equality groups? If yes please explain how the improvement plan is going to tackle this issue	
Consultation responses	
Summary of replies from individuals and stakeholders consulted including any previous complaints on equality and diversity issues about the strategy, policy or process	

Summary of recommendations		
Actions	By Who	By When

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Declaration


I am satisfied that a Test for Relevance has been carried out on the matter named in this Analysis and conclude that a full Equality Impact Assessment **is not required**.

Yes No

If you do not think that a full Equality Impact Assessment is required – please give your reasons:

I confirm that a full Equality Impact Assessment has been completed.

Yes No

Signature of Head of Service:	Date:
	3.9.2024

Recommendations agreed:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Signed: (Director):	EIA date:
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