


EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – PURCHASE OF ACCOMMODATION TO MEET HOMELESSNESS DEMAND AND MANAGE BUDGETARY PRESSURES

SECTION ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

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Lead Officer: Please note that a Head of Service, Service Director, or Strategic Director must approve the EIA.	Matt Garrett	Signature:		Approval date:	30 November 23
Overview:	<p>Plymouth City Council is facing increased demand from people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness and in turn is expending significant resources on providing emergency and temporary accommodation.</p> <p>This project will directly delivering good quality and affordable temporary accommodation in Plymouth for homeless families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCC aims to buy properties • PCC will use £10m of service borrowing • PCC will bid for capital grant from Homes England and the Department of Levelling Up, Homes and Communities 				
Decision required:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Business Case to enable the purchase of properties to <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) provide appropriate supported temporary accommodation for homeless households as an alternative to bed and breakfast and other high cost nightly paid accommodation, and; b) support reduction of temporary accommodation costs; 2. Allocate £10,000,000 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by service borrowing; 				

	<p>3. Allocate up to £5,000,000 of Homes England grant to the Capital Programme, subject to successful bid;</p> <p>4. Delegate the approval of individual and bulk purchases to the Service Director for Community Connections for all purchases within the approved financial envelope in consultation with the cross departmental Strategic Steering Group, Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development and Communities and Cabinet Member for Finance.</p> <p>5. Authorises the Service Director for Community Connections to approve business cases and award contracts relating to this project where they would otherwise not have authority to do so.</p>
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SECTION TWO: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL

Potential external impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact service users, communities or residents with protected characteristics?	Yes		No	x
Potential internal impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?	Yes		No	x
Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (if you have answered yes to either of the questions above then a full impact assessment is required and you must complete section three)	Yes		No	x
If you do not agree that a full equality impact assessment is required, please set out your justification for why not.	Full EIA not required as the purchase and provision of supported accommodation is inclusive to those experiencing homelessness in line with legislation. There is no risk of discrimination.			

SECTION THREE: FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Protected characteristics (Equality Act, 2010)	Evidence and information (e.g. data and consultation feedback)	Adverse impact	Mitigation activities	Timescale and responsible department

<p>Age</p>	<p>Plymouth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16.4 per cent of people in Plymouth are children aged under 15. • 65.1 per cent are adults aged 15 to 64. • 18.5 percent are adults aged 65 and over. • 2.4 percent of the resident population are 85 and over. <p>South West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.9 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14, 61.8 per cent are aged 15 to 64. • 22.3 per cent are aged 65 and over. <p>England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17.4 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14. • 64.2 per cent of people are aged 15 to 64. • 18.4 per cent of people are aged 65 and over. <p>(2021 Census)</p>			
<p>Care experienced individuals</p> <p>(Note that as per the Independent Review of Children’s Social Care recommendations,</p>	<p>It is estimated that 26 per cent of the homeless population in the UK have care experience. In Plymouth there are currently 7 per cent of care leavers open to the service (6 per cent aged 18-20 and 12 per cent of those aged 21+) who are in unsuitable accommodation.</p> <p>The Care Review reported that 41 per cent of 19-21 year old care leavers are not in</p>			

<p>Plymouth City Council is treating care experience as though it is a protected characteristic).</p>	<p>education, employment or training (NEET) compared to 12 per cent of all other young people in the same age group.</p> <p>In Plymouth there are currently 50 per cent of care leavers aged 18-21 Not in Education Training or Employment (54 per cent of all those care leavers aged 18-24 who are open to the service).</p> <p>There are currently 195 care leavers aged 18 to 20 (statutory service) and 58 aged 21 to 24 (extended offer). There are more care leavers aged 21 to 24 who could return for support from services if they wished to.</p>			
<p>Disability</p>	<p>9.4 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a lot' because of a physical or mental health problem.</p> <p>12.2 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a little' because of a physical or mental health problem (2021 Census)</p>			
<p>Gender reassignment</p>	<p>0.5 per cent of residents in Plymouth have a gender identity that is different from their sex registered at birth. 0.1 per cent of residents identify as a trans man, 0.1 per cent identify as non-binary and, 0.1 per cent identify as a trans women (2021 Census).</p>			
<p>Marriage and civil partnership</p>	<p>40.1 per cent of residents have never married and never registered a civil partnership. 10 per cent are divorced, 6 percent are widowed, with 2.5 per cent are separated but still married.</p> <p>0.49 per cent of residents are, or were, married or in a civil partnerships of the same</p>			

	sex. 0.06 per cent of residents are in a civil partnerships with the opposite sex (2021 Census).			
Pregnancy and maternity	The total fertility rate (TFR) for England was 1.62 children per woman in 2021. The total fertility rate (TFR) for Plymouth in 2021 was 1.5.			
Race	<p>In 2021, 94.9 per cent of Plymouth's population identified their ethnicity as White, 2.3 per cent as Asian and 1.1 per cent as Black (2021 Census)</p> <p>People with a mixed ethnic background comprised 1.8 per cent of the population. 1 per cent of the population use a different term to describe their ethnicity (2021 Census)</p> <p>92.7 per cent of residents speak English as their main language. 2021 Census data shows that after English, Polish, Romanian, Chinese, Portuguese, and Arabic are the most spoken languages in Plymouth (2021 Census).</p>			
Religion or belief	<p>48.9 per cent of the Plymouth population stated they had no religion. 42.5 per cent of the population identified as Christian (2021 Census).</p> <p>Those who identified as Muslim account for 1.3 per cent of Plymouth's population while Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish or Sikh combined totalled less than 1 per cent (2021 Census).</p>			
Sex	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census)			

Sexual orientation	88.95 per cent of residents aged 16 years and over in Plymouth describe their sexual orientation as straight or heterosexual. 2.06 per cent describe their sexuality as bisexual, 1.97 per cent of people describe their sexual orientation as gay or lesbian. 0.42 per cent of residents describe their sexual orientation using a different term (2021 Census).			
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SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
		Not applicable	

SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
Celebrate diversity and ensure that Plymouth is a welcoming city.		Not applicable	
Pay equality for women, and staff with disabilities in our workforce.		Not applicable	
Supporting our workforce through the implementation of Our People Strategy 2020 – 2024		Not applicable	
Supporting victims of hate crime so they feel confident to report incidents, and working with, and		Not applicable	

through our partner organisations to achieve positive outcomes.			
Plymouth is a city where people from different backgrounds get along well.		Not applicable	