


# EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – PURCHASE OF ACCESSIBLE HOMES FOR SINGLE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND COUPLES

## SECTION ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

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<b>Lead Officer:</b> Please note that a Head of Service, Service Director, or Strategic Director must approve the EIA.	Jackie Kings	<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Approval date:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>Overview:</b>	<p>PCC is facing increased demand from people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness and in turn is spending a lot of money on providing emergency and temporary accommodation.</p> <p>This project will directly deliver good quality, affordable, accessible temporary supported accommodation in Plymouth for homeless individuals. It is being funded by external capital and revenue funding, service borrowing and Disability Facilities Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PCC aims to buy 12 accessible properties, and these will be let to homeless individuals who have accessibility and support needs</li> </ul>				
<b>Decision required:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accept the capital and revenue grant from Homes England and the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities;</li> <li>Delegate authority to the Section 151 officer to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with DLUHC;</li> <li>Approves the Capital Business Case and allocates £2,990,000 to the Capital Programme financed by £2,450,000 Homes England Grant, £440,000 Service Borrowing and £100,000 virement of Disabled Facilities Grant;</li> </ol>				

**SECTION TWO: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL**

<b>Potential external impacts:</b> Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact service users, communities or residents with protected characteristics?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	x
<b>Potential internal impacts:</b> Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	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)	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	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**

<b>Protected characteristics (Equality Act, 2010)</b>	<b>Evidence and information (e.g. data and consultation feedback)</b>	<b>Adverse impact</b>	<b>Mitigation activities</b>	<b>Timescale and responsible department</b>
<b>Age</b>	Plymouth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16.4 per cent of people in Plymouth are children aged under 15.</li> <li>• 65.1 per cent are adults aged 15 to 64.</li> <li>• 18.5 percent are adults aged 65 and over.</li> <li>• 2.4 percent of the resident population are 85 and over.</li> </ul>	No adverse impact	This will be monitored through letting arrangements	Ongoing, Community Connections

	<p>South West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15.9 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14, 61.8 per cent are aged 15 to 64.</li> <li>• 22.3 per cent are aged 65 and over.</li> </ul> <p>England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17.4 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14.</li> <li>• 64.2 per cent of people are aged 15 to 64.</li> <li>• 18.4 per cent of people are aged 65 and over.</li> </ul> <p>(2021 Census)</p>			
<p><b>Care experienced individuals</b></p> <p>(Note that as per the Independent Review of Children’s Social Care recommendations, Plymouth City Council is treating care experience as though it is a protected characteristic).</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 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). 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>No adverse impact</p>	<p>This will be monitored through letting and other relevant reporting arrangements</p>	<p>Ongoing, Community Connections</p>

<b>Disability</b>	9.4 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a lot' because of a physical or mental health problem. 12.2 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a little' because of a physical or mental health problem (2021 Census)	No adverse impact	This will be monitored through letting arrangements	Ongoing, Community Connections
<b>Gender reassignment</b>	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).	No adverse impact	This will be monitored through letting arrangements	Ongoing, Community Connections
<b>Marriage and civil partnership</b>	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. 0.49 per cent of residents are, or were, married or in a civil partnerships of the same sex. 0.06 per cent of residents are in a civil partnerships with the opposite sex (2021 Census)	No adverse impact	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Pregnancy and maternity</b>	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.	No adverse impact	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Race</b>	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) 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) 92.7 per cent of residents speak English as their main language. 2021 Census data shows that after English, Polish, Romanian, Chinese, Portuguese,	No adverse impact	This will be monitored through letting arrangements	Ongoing, Community Connections

	and Arabic are the most spoken languages in Plymouth (2021 Census).			
<b>Religion or belief</b>	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). 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).	No adverse impact	This will be monitored through letting arrangements	Ongoing, Community Connections
<b>Sex</b>	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census).	No adverse impact	This will be monitored through letting arrangements	Ongoing, Community Connections
<b>Sexual orientation</b>	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)	No adverse impact	This will be monitored through letting arrangements	Ongoing, Community Connections

#### SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
	Plymouth City Council recognises Article 14 of the Human Rights Act – The right to receive Equal Treatment and prohibits	Not applicable	Not applicable

	<p>discrimination including sex, race, religion and economic and social status in conjunction with the Equalities Act which includes age and disability.</p> <p>All staff and service users will be treated fairly and their human rights will be respected.</p> <p>No adverse impact on human rights has been identified.</p>		
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## SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
<b>Celebrate diversity and ensure that Plymouth is a welcoming city.</b>	No implications	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Pay equality for women, and staff with disabilities in our workforce.</b>	No implications	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Supporting our workforce through the implementation of Our People Strategy 2020 – 2024</b>	No implications	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Supporting victims of hate crime so they feel confident to report incidents, and working with, and through our partner organisations to achieve positive outcomes.</b>	No implications	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Plymouth is a city where people from different backgrounds get along well.</b>	This housing provision will be part of the community. People will live in them and will become part of the local community. PCC will ensure they have a management plan for this housing provision	Community Cohesion monitored by PCC	Ongoing, Jackie Kings, Head of Housing Solutions

