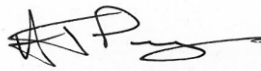


EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – SPI FEES POLICY REVIEW

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.	ANTHONY PAYNE	Signature:		Approval date:	6.3.24
Overview:	Review of SPI fees and charges for year 2024-25. Fees and charges include planning pre-application service, viability assessments, design and historic environment advice, planning enforcement, building control, travel planning, bus pass replacement, flood risk advice, highways register, planning obligations services, neighbourhood planning advice				
Decision required:	To approve the uplift of discretionary fees and charges as per the attached schedule, for 1 April 2024				

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	x	No	
Potential internal impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?	Yes	x	No	
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	x	No	

If you do not agree that a full equality impact assessment is required, please set out your justification for why not.

N/A

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
Age	<p>All data is from the 2011 Census except for age and sex which has been updated with 2021 data. Data will be updated with the 2021 Census data as it becomes available.</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. 	No adverse impacts	None	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, 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).</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>Higher planning pre-app fees may adversely impact people on lower incomes or community/ voluntary groups supporting care experienced individuals.</p>	<p>Discounts of up to 50% of planning pre-app fees are available for:</p> <p>Voluntary/ community groups</p> <p>Applications that involve 100% of dwellings that are 'self or custom build' and are community led initiatives</p> <p>Customers eligible for a range of means tested benefits.</p>	<p>On-going. Development Management.</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>Higher planning pre-app fees may adversely impact people with disabilities who need to adapt their property to meet their needs.</p>	<p>Provision for up to 50% discount on planning fees for advice on proposed facilities that are solely for adaptations for the disabled remain unchanged.</p>	<p>On-going. Development Management</p>

Gender reassignment	<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>No adverse impacts</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N/A</p>
Marriage and civil partnership	<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 sex. 0.06 per cent of residents are in a civil partnerships with the opposite sex (2021 Census).</p>	<p>No adverse impacts</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N/A</p>
Pregnancy and maternity	<p>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.</p>	<p>No adverse impacts</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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,</p>	<p>No adverse impacts</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>N/A</p>

	Portuguese, and Arabic are the most spoken languages in Plymouth (2021 Census).			
Religion or belief	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 impacts	None	N/A
Sex	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census).	No adverse impacts	None	N/A
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).	No adverse impacts	None	N/A

SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
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SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
Celebrate diversity and ensure that Plymouth is a welcoming city.	Higher planning pre-app fees may adversely impact people on lower incomes or community/ voluntary groups.	Discounts of up to 50% of planning pre-app fees are available for: Voluntary/ community groups Advice on proposed facilities that are solely for adaptations for the disabled. Applications that involve 100% of dwellings that are 'self or custom build' and are community led initiatives Customers eligible for a range of means tested benefits.	On-going. Development Management.
Pay equality for women, and staff with disabilities in our workforce.	None	N/A	N/A
Supporting our workforce through the implementation of Our People Strategy 2020 – 2024	None	N/A	N/A
Supporting victims of hate crime so they feel confident to report incidents, and working with, and through our partner organisations to achieve positive outcomes.	None	N/A	N/A
Plymouth is a city where people from different backgrounds get along well.	None	N/A	N/A

