


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

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.	Jackie Kings	Signature:		Approval date:	15 March 2024
Overview:	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. 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, BCHA loan finance and Disability Facilities Grant. BCHA to buy 10 accessible properties, and these will be let to homeless individuals who have accessibility and support needs				
Decision required:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the Business Case; 2. Approves the transfer of £2,450,000 of DLUHC (Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities) capital grant; £100,000 virement of Disabled Facilities Grant and revenue grant funding of £399,154 to BCHA, via contract variation to their sub-contract under Complex Lives Alliance Contract PEO/16175; 3. Authorises the Service Director for Community Connections to approve the terms of such funding awards and approve amendments to contract awards where they do not already have the authority to do so. 				

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
Age	Plymouth <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. 	No adverse impact	This will be monitored through letting arrangements	Ongoing, Community Connections

	<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 (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. 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. 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>

Disability	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
Gender reassignment	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
Marriage and civil partnership	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
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.	No adverse impact	Not applicable	Not applicable
Race	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).			
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 impact	This will be monitored through letting arrangements	Ongoing, Community Connections
Sex	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
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 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 discrimination including sex, race, religion and economic and social status in conjunction with the Equalities Act which includes age and disability.	Not applicable	Not applicable

	All staff and service users will be treated fairly and their human rights will be respected. No adverse impact on human rights has been identified.		
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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.	No implications	Not applicable	Not applicable
Pay equality for women, and staff with disabilities in our workforce.	No implications	Not applicable	Not applicable
Supporting our workforce through the implementation of Our People Strategy 2020 – 2024	No implications	Not applicable	Not applicable
Supporting victims of hate crime so they feel confident to report incidents, and working with, and through our partner organisations to achieve positive outcomes.	No implications	Not applicable	Not applicable
Plymouth is a city where people from different backgrounds get along well.	This housing provision will be part of the community. People will live in them and will become part of the local community. BCHA will ensure they have a management plan for this housing provision	Community Cohesion monitored by PCC	Ongoing, Nicola Greenfield Head of Homelessness