## **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Portfolio Transformation



#### STAGE I: WHAT IS BEING ASSESSED AND BY WHOM?

What is being assessed - including a brief description of aims and objectives?

### **Payroll and Pensions Service**

This EIA report accompanies a Business Case and recommends to Cabinet a shared services strategy for Payroll and Pensions services based on a strategic outline business case. The following options have been considered and are rejected as a result of the approval of the recommendations made in this report:

- Services to remain in house
- Transfer services into joint venture with a private sector partner
- Transfer services into an outsourced operation with a private sector operator
- Transfer services to a public sector provider of shared services (Delt)

This EIA relates to the transfer of the Payroll and Pensions service only which is the pilot for the wider transfer of more back office services. The data in this EIA includes the whole workforce with some reference to more localised statistics where highlighted

The recommendation is that Delt is adopted as the default vehicle for delivery of back office services, in this case Payroll and Pensions for the Council. Procurement and Payroll services are recommended as the first 2 services to migrate to Delt.

Transfer of the Payroll and Pensions service is being considered in the first tranche of the migration of back office services to Delt. Tranche one would be aimed to transition during 2017 with an ambition to migrate by April 1st 2017. Payroll and Pensions is considered to be a "pilot" service, accompanied by a well-defined service specification. This service might be transferred on the basis of secondment initially in order to prove the concept of sharing service, with TUPE subsequently implemented when Delt is ready and PCC are comfortable with the results of the pilot.

The case for change, namely the transition of the Payroll and Pension Service to Delt has been be subjected to a full Equality Impact Assessment as detailed in this document. As further cases are developed we will continue to improve our understanding of customers' needs through our customer insight functions and processes and seek to maintain our existing good practices, e.g.;-

Our policy of digital by preference to meet the needs of older people with less well

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	Where any changes to structures or service delivery arrangements lead to redundancies, we will ensure that staff are not unfairly selected for redundancy e.g. on bases of them having a particular protected characteristic within the Equality Act 2010.
	It is proposed that the governance for the development of proposals for the Payroll and Pensions Service to transfer would sit with the Transforming the Corporate Centre Programme (TCC), and the final decision on transfer of the service would be recommended by CMT to Cabinet.
	<ul> <li>Provision and availability of facilities e.g. baby change/breast feeding in 1<sup>st</sup> stop shop location on ground floor.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensuring the availability of simple service interactions 24 / 7 enabling customers to access and request services at times and locations convenient to their needs e.g. at times around religious events or commitments.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>developed ICT skills;</li> <li>Providing customer services from buildings which provide a high standard of access for disabled people.</li> </ul>

### **STAGE 2: EVIDENCE AND IMPACT**

Protected characteristics (Equality Act)	Evidence	and inforn	nation (eg data and feedb	back)	Any adverse impact See guidance on how to make judgement	Actions	Timescale and who is responsible
Age	Workfo	rce			There could be impacts	The Transfer of	TCC programme
	Age	Count	%		from the transfer of staff on Local	Undertaking's and Protection of	lead 2017 – 19.
	16-20	11	3%		Government pension	Employment	
	21 - 30	45	14%		arrangements and our commitment to the	Regulations will apply and this will require	
	31- 40	65	20%		apprentice programme.	that a similar pension	
					No adverse impacts on	arrangement is put in	

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41-50	110	34%
51-60	83	25%
61-70	13	4%
70+	I	0%

### **Community**

The average age in Plymouth (39.0 years) is about the same as the rest of England (39.3 years), but less than the South West (41.6yrs).

Of the 16 SW authorities we have the third lowest percentage of older people (75), and the fifth highest percentage of children and young people (under 18). Children and young people (CYP) under 18 account for 19.8 per cent of our population, within this 88.8 per cent are under 16.

The proportion of people living in our community who are aged over 65 years old is predicted to in excess of 59,000 by 2031, an increase of 28%.

Older people struggle to achieve the highest standard of physical and mental health due to age related illness, e.g. declining eye sight and hearing, physical frailty, trips and falls and dementia.

Older people may have retired before home computers (PCs) became widely used in the workplace.

The exact scale of this transfer is confined to 18.62 Full Time Equivalent Staff of whom the average age is 49.5 years with 6 of the team being 59 years of age or above.

the community are anticipated from the specific proposals in the report.

place.

Delt will be actively encouraging apprenticeships for any and all services under its management as a central thread of its People Plan.

The company is fully committed to maintaining a pipeline of skills and expertise and has an ongoing training programme to ensure that skills are refreshed to meet the evolving demands of services...

It is anticipated that by moving the Payroll & pensions team to Delt the demand for the service grows as new business is secured. Hence it is anticipated that resource needs will scale up with demand and therefore there is no intention to

						restructure thereby there is no imminent threat to positions	
Disability	Not disabled  Declined to specify  Not recorded  Not known  Community  A total of 31,164 households) declar health problem or cent of households of people with disability.  1,297 adults regists some form of lear Plymouth schools 17.5 have a learning 5.3% (1x FTE) of recognised health provisions of the special workplace	red themse r disability ( ls), compar- sabilities in r population lot by a lo tered with rning disabilation report that ng difficulty the payroll condition to aracteristic Equality Ac	elves as he national fed with to UK (11,60 n have the ng-term had GP in Paity (2013 to fevery and pensithat wou under the to Several	a long-term 2 25.7 per	Recording of workforce personal data around the characteristic is low.  Any new office base will need to be accessible to meet the needs of disabled staff.  No adverse impacts on the community are anticipated from the specific proposals in the report.	The low recording rate is reflected in wider corporate data. This is being addressed through a separate workforce wide programme led by our HR department.  At present it is not envisaged that staff will transfer to different premises, staff access needs will be considered as cases are developed.	TCC programme lead/HR 2017 – 19.

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	immediate worki disability.	ing area but d	o not have a recognised	I		
Faith/religion or	Workforce			Recording of	The low recording	HR 2017 – 19.
belief	Faith	ount	%	workforce personal data around the	rate is reflected by wider corporate	
	Buddhist	4	  %	characteristic is low.	data. This being addressed through a	
	Christian	I 04	2 7%	No adverse impacts on our workforce or the	separate workforce wide programme led	
	None	9 I	2 4%	community are anticipated from the	by our HR department.	
	Other	4	l %	specific proposals in the report.	department.	
	Prefer not to say	5	1 %			
	Not known	1 79	4 6%			
	stated they had r Those with a Hir combined totalle Christianity: 148, from 73.6 per ce cent), doubled fr Buddhism: 881 p 0.2 per cent sinc Hinduism: 567 per religion as Hindu 2001. Judaism: 168 peo people since 200 Sikhism: 89 peop from 56 people s	no religion. Indu, Buddhist, Id less than I   I,917 people (5) Int since 2001 Int since 2001 Int since 2001 Int since 2001 Int since (0.3 per e 2001) Int since 2001	8.1 per cent), decrease			

	that was not Chr Judaism or Sikh,	•					
Gender - including marriage, pregnancy and maternity	Workforce Gender Female Male  Community Overall 50.6 per 49.4 per cent are of 50.8 per cent There were 3280 been on the incre number of births	men: this rewomen and women and women and women 20 births in 20 bease since 20	eflects the nati 49.2 per cent 11. Birthrate 101, but since	e women and ional figure men.	There is potential for an adverse impact arising from changed terms and conditions. Given the high proportion of female staff this is particularly the case around maternity and flexible working arrangements. No impacts on the community are anticipated from the specific proposals in the report.	Delt have indicated they will offer enhanced maternity arrangements, however this may be offset by a reduction in flexi time allowance and longer working week.  TUPE will apply and this will mean that changes to staff terms and conditions will be subject to negotiation with Trade Unions.	TCC programme lead/HR 2017 – 19.
Gender reassignment	Reassignment.  Community  Recent surveys have put the prevalence of transgender people between 0.5 and 1% of population (some very recent reports have upped this to 2%).  Over the last 8 years the prevalence of transgendered				PCC has specific HR policies in relation to transitioning staff.  No adverse impacts on the community are anticipated from the specific proposals in the report.	TUPE will apply and this will mean that changes to staff terms and conditions will be subject to negotiation with Trade Unions.	TCC programme lead/HR 2017 – 19.
Race	Workforce Race	t	Coun	%	No adverse impacts on our workforce or the community are	N/A	

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	Any other Asian Background	1	0%	anticipated from the		
	Any other Ethnic background	ı	0%	specific proposals in the report.		
	Any other White background	7	2%	Some BME		
	Back British - African	ı	0%	communities may be attracted to a career		
	Black British - Caribbean	2	1%	with Delt who would		
	Chinese	2	1%	not normally consider a		
	Mixed White and Asian	I	0%	public sector career and this may help to		
	Not declared	10	3%	address the current		
	White British	338	87%	under-representation of these communities		
	White Irish	1	0%	in our workforce.		
	Blanks	23	6%			
	P2.9 per cent of Plymouth's themselves as White British 7.1 per cent identify themse Ethnic (BME) with White O (0.5 per cent) and Other As common ethnic groups.  Our recorded BME population 2001 to 6.7 per cent in 201 than doubled since the 2001 Recent census data suggests languages spoken in the city.	elves as Black a ther (2.7 per c sian (0.5 per ce ion rose from I, and therefor I census. s we have at lea s, showing Polis	nd Minority ent), Chinese nt) the most  3 per cent in e has more			
	and Kurdish as the top three	e.				
Sexual orientation - including civil partnership	Workforce Sexual Orientation	Coun	%	Recording of personal data around the characteristic is very	We have only recently begun to capture this data.	HR 2017 – 19.
	Heterosexual	3	1%	low.		

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Blanks	384	99%	No adverse impacts on	
Community			our workforce or the	
There is no precise local data	on numbers	of Lesbian,	community are	
Gay and Bi-sexual (LGB) peo	ole in Plymou	ıth, but	anticipated from the	
nationally the government ha			specific proposals in	
between 5 - 7 per cent and S	tonewall agre	e with this	the report.	
estimation given in 2005. Thi	would mear	that for		
Plymouth the figure is approx	imately 12,50	00 to 17,500		
people aged over 16 in Plymo	outh are LGB			
There are 464 people in a re	gistered Same	e-Sex Civil		
Partnership.	-			

# STAGE 3: ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING? IF SO, PLEASE RECORD ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Local priorities	Implications	Timescale and who is responsible
Reduce the gap in average hourly pay between men and women by 2020.	Currently Plymouth City Council has set an Equality Objective to reduce the Gender Pay Gap that runs up until 2020. Delt is an accredited Living Wage employer. The Living Wage commitment will see everyone working at Delt, regardless of whether they are permanent employees or third-party contractors; receive a minimum hourly wage of £8.25. This will assist in ensuring Gender Pay parity in the workforce.	N/A
Increase the number of hate crime incidents reported and maintain good satisfaction rates in dealing with racist, disablist, homophobic, transphobic and faith, religion and belief incidents by 2020.	Currently Plymouth City Council has an Equality Objective to increase hate crime reporting that runs up until 2020. We will seek to agree with Delt that they cooperate in practical ways to ensure we are assisted to meet our target.	TCC
Good relations between different communities (community cohesion)	Unemployment is recognised as a key driver of poor community cohesion. These proposals will retain jobs in the local community and may therefore be expected to make a positive contribution to Community Cohesion.	N/A
Human rights	None in relation to first tranche of transfers.	N/A

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Please refer to guidance

### **STAGE 4: PUBLICATION**

Responsible Officer Date

Director, Assistant Director or Head of Service

