

Impact Assessment (IA)

Name of the project, policy, service, or strategy:	Revision of Statement of Principles under Gambling Act 2005		
Responsible officer:	Nathan Howson		
Service Lead:			
Date of assessment:	07/09/22	Date of review:	07/09/25

Introduction

Overview

What is an Impact Assessment?

The Impact Assessment is a tool to ensure that any policy, project, strategy, or service is assessed to consider any positive or negative impacts for all our residents with regards to equalities, health and sustainability. It is important that this is done in a timely manner and ideally it should precede the start of the project, policy or strategy concerned at Chorley Council or South Ribble Borough Council.

Who is the Impact Assessment for?

The responsibility of conducting the Impact Assessment is with the leading officer of the policy that is being assessed, with service leads responsible for the final sign off of the assessment. Once complete and signed off, the Impact Assessments are submitted to Performance and Partnerships, who are responsible for storing, monitoring, and ensuring the quality of the assessments. The assessment tool covers both Chorley and South Ribble Borough Council.

Why do we need to do Impact Assessments?

As Councils, we are committed as community leaders, service providers, and employers. Therefore, we will work to ensure that everybody is afforded equality of opportunity and good life chances. The Impact Assessment is a tool we use to ensure that we fulfil these commitments and thus meet our legal duties.

Instructions

Quick steps for completion

Follow the quick steps below when completing the Impact Assessment:

1. Sections: There are three sections to the Impact Assessment. These include:

- Equality impact: the impact on the nine equality strands, which include age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, and marriage and civil partnership. See the **Equality Framework**.
- Health and environmental impact: the impact on health and wellbeing as well as the environment.
- Reputational impact: the impact on the Councils' reputation and our ability to deliver our key priorities. Reference should be made to the Corporate Strategies.

2. Rating and evidence: Each section has a number of questions that should be given a rating and evidence given for why the rating has been selected. This allows us to quantify the impact. The rating key is outlined below:

Code	Description
P	Positive impact
N	Negative impact
NI	Neutral impact

3. Actions: Once a rating is given, actions should be identified to mitigate any negative impacts or maximise any positive impacts of the policy, project, or strategy that is being assessed.

4. Sign off: Once the assessment is completed, sign off is required by a Service Lead.

5. Submit: Once signed off, the Impact Assessment should be sent to the Performance and Partnerships Team, who will store the assessment securely and check for quality.

6. Follow up: Actions should be implemented and changes should be made to the policy, project, or strategy that has been assessed, with follow ups conducted annually to monitor progress.

Information and Support

Contact details

To submit your completed Impact Assessment or for guidance and support, please contact Performance and Partnerships at performance@chorley.gov.uk or performance@southribble.gov.uk

Equality Impact

Area for consideration	P	N	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity have upon:					
Those of different ages?			X		
Those with physical or mental disability?			X		
Those who have undergone or are undergoing gender reassignment?			X		
Those who are pregnant or are parents?			X		
Those of different races?			X		
Those of different religions or beliefs?			X		
Those of different sexes?			X		
Those of different sexual orientations?			X		
Those who are married or in a civil partnership?			X		
Socio-economic equality or social cohesion?			X		

Health, Social and Environmental Impact

Area for consideration	P	N	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity have upon:					
Enabling residents to start well (pre-birth to 19)? <i>(Please consider childhood obesity, vulnerable families, and pregnancy care)</i>	X			The policy requires applicants for premises licences to conduct local risk assessments and, in completing these risk assessments, must take account of a number of matters related to protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.	
Enabling residents to live well (16 to 75 years)? <i>(Please consider mental and physical wellbeing, living environment, healthy lifestyles, and improving outcomes)</i>	X			The policy requires applicants for premises licences to conduct local risk assessments which take account of problem gambling. Conducting risk assessment will ensure businesses which are regulated will have fully considered risk and will need to implement measures to address them.	
Enabling residents to age well (over 65 years)? <i>(Please consider social isolation, living independently, dementia, and supporting carers and families)</i>			X		
Natural environment? <i>(Please consider impact on habitation, ecosystems, and biodiversity)</i>			X		
Air quality and pollution? <i>(Please consider impact on climate change, waste generation, and health)</i>			X		

Natural resources? <i>(Please consider the use of materials and as well as transport methods and their sustainability)</i>			X		
Rurality? <i>(Please consider the impact of those who live in rural communities, their access to services/activities)</i>			X		

Strategic Impact

Area for consideration	P	N	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity make upon:					
<p>The Councils' reputation? <i>(Please consider impact on trust, confidence, our role as community leaders, and providing value for money)</i></p>			X		
<p>Our ability to deliver the Corporate Strategy? <i>(Please refer to the Strategic Objectives)</i></p>	X			<p>Clean, safe and healthy homes and communities.</p> <p>The Gambling Act 2005 requires the Council to have a comprehensive Statement of Principles, setting out how it will carry out its functions. The Council must carry out its functions in such a way so as to promote the licensing objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder or being used to support crime. • Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way. • Protecting children and other vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling. 	

Area for consideration	P	N	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity make upon:					
				Carrying on its functions in this way supports the corporate priority of having safe and healthy communities.	

