

## Stage 1 Equality Impact Assessment – Initial Screening

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<b>Directorate:</b>	Place
<b>Date of Completion:</b>	13/07/2017

### Name of Policy/Strategy/Service/Function Proposal

The implementation of the Abandoned Vehicles Policy.

### The Aims, Objectives and Expected Outcomes:

A new Abandoned Vehicles Policy has been produced which sets out the council's approach in respect of the investigation, identification, removal and disposal of abandoned vehicles. The Council considered that a revised policy was required to inform the public of the Council's duties and responsibilities with regard to abandoned vehicles and to provide further information with respect to the roles and responsibilities of partner organisations such as the Police and the DVLA. The policy also provides information on vehicles that the public may consider to be abandoned but which would be considered by the Council as nuisance vehicles.

Much of the content of this policy sets down in writing the approach and process that the Council are and have already been working to in respect of abandoned vehicles.

The policy therefore is principally designed to inform and advise the public and to assist them where they have a concern over a vehicle. In addition the policy sets out details of each step including timescales of the investigative process. It is hoped that the public will find real benefit from its implementation.

Please delete as appropriate:

This is a new policy/~~strategy/service/council function proposal~~

## Key Questions to Consider in Assessing Potential Impact

Will the policy, strategy, service or council function proposal have a negative impact on any of the protected characteristics or other reasons that are relevant issues for the local community and/or staff?

No

Has previous consultation identified this issue as important or highlighted negative impact and/or we have created a “legitimate expectation” for consultation to take place? A legitimate expectation may be created when we have consulted on similar issues in the past or if we have ever given an indication that we would consult in such situations

No

Do different groups of people within the local community have different needs or experiences in the area this issue relates to?

No

Could the aims of these proposals be in conflict with the council’s general duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not?

No

Will the proposal have a significant effect on how services or a council function/s is/are delivered?

No

Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate?

No

Does the proposal involve a significant commitment of resources?

No

Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities?

No

If you answer **Yes** to any of these questions, it will be necessary for you to proceed to a full Equality Impact Assessment after you have completed the rest of this initial screening form.

If you answer **No** to all of these questions, please provide appropriate evidence using the table below and complete the evidence considerations box and obtain sign off from your Head of Service.

Protected Characteristics	Positive	Negative	No impact	Reasons
Age			X	<p>It is not considered that the revised Abandoned Vehicles Policy has any particular effects either positive or negative on any of the nine protected characteristics.</p> <p>Enquiries regarding potential abandoned vehicles can and are submitted by persons who have an interest or concern in a particular vehicle. Whether those persons are covered by any particular characteristic will not necessary be known at the time the enquiry is made and this information is not required to be identified for the purposes of investigating a potentially abandoned vehicle. All enquiries with respect to the investigation of abandoned vehicles will be undertaken in accordance with the policy and relevant legislation.</p> <p>In respect of registered keepers of abandoned vehicles all communications and dealings will be in accordance with the policy and relevant legislation. Whether those persons are covered by any particular characteristic will not necessary be known at the time contact is made and this information is not required to be identified for the purposes of investigating a potentially abandoned vehicle.</p> <p>In the event a person is covered by one of the protected characteristics and it is considered to be of relevance to the circumstances of that investigation this will be taken into account as part of the investigation.</p>
Disability			X	
Gender Reassignment			X	
Marriage & Civil Partnership			X	
Pregnancy & Maternity			X	
Race			X	
Religion / Belief			X	
Sex (male / female)			X	
Sexual Orientation			X	

<b>Are there aspects of the proposal that contribute to or improve the opportunity for equality?</b>	<b>No</b>
<i>If answered Yes, describe what these are and how they may be promoted or enhanced</i>	

## Evidence Considered During Screening

In drafting the Abandoned Vehicle Policy due regard was given to the applicability of its content to the nine protected characteristics. Consideration of the abandoned vehicle log which records the enquiries and investigations in respect of such vehicles does not indicate that any of the protected characteristics are more or less affected by abandoned vehicles than any other characteristic or no characteristic at all.

Where however a person is included within one or more of the protected characteristics and that protected characteristic is considered to be relevant to the investigation then this will be assessed and will be given due consideration as part of the investigation.

Head of Service Sign off:



Advice sought from Legal Services (Name)

Judy Mason

Date

13/07/2017