

Equality Impact Assessment

The purpose of an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) is to improve the work of Orkney Islands Council by making sure it promotes equality and does not discriminate. This assessment records the likely impact of any changes to a function, policy or plan by anticipating the consequences, and making sure that any negative impacts are eliminated or minimised and positive impacts are maximised.

1. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNCTION, POLICY OR PLAN	
Name of function/policy/plan to be assessed	Risk Management Policy and Strategy 2012-2014
Service/service area responsible	Corporate Services – Buildings and Facilities
Name of person carrying out the assessment and contact details	David Rendall, Head of Buildings and Facilities; Ext 2309. Email: david.rendall@orkney.gov.uk
Date of assessment	31 August 2012
Is the function/policy/plan new or existing? (Please indicate also if the service is to be deleted, reduced or changed significantly)	The Risk Management Policy and Strategy 2012-2014 updates and revises previous versions to reflect the current structure of the Council and to strengthen the promotion of risk management within the Council

2. INITIAL SCREENING	
What are the intended outcomes of the function/policy/plan?	To ensure that risk management procedures are in place throughout the Council in order to identify, assess and control risks, reduce and where possible remove risks.
State who is, or may be affected by this function/policy/plan, and how	The policy and strategy covers all services of the Council and places responsibilities on Senior Managers, Heads of Services and particularly Executive Directors to ensure that risk management is consistently embedded in the culture of the Council. All employees and everyone who uses Council services will benefit from the effective and efficient application of risk management.
How have stakeholders been involved in the development of this function/policy/plan?	The revised policy and strategy was developed in conjunction with the Council's Performance and Risk Management Group consisting of representatives from all services and the Corporate Management team was consulted on the draft policy and strategy.

Is there any existing data and/or research relating to equalities issues in this policy area? Please summarise. e.g. consultations, national surveys, performance data, complaints, service user feedback, academic/consultants' reports, benchmarking (see equalities resources on OIC information portal)	None know that is specifically for a risk management policy. Risk management processes involve the assessment of risk in relation to existing Council policies, plans and activities which are themselves subject to equalities assessments.
Could the function/policy have a differential impact on any of the following equality strands?	(Please provide any evidence – positive impacts/benefits, negative impacts and reasons)
1. Race: this includes ethnic or national groups, colour and nationality	No. There is no differential impact
2. Sex: a man or a woman	No. There is no differential impact
3. Sexual Orientation: whether a person's sexual attraction is towards their own sex, the opposite sex or to both sexes	No. There is no differential impact
4. Gender Reassignment: the process of transitioning from one gender to another	No. There is no differential impact
5. Pregnancy and maternity	No. There is no differential impact
6. Age: people of different ages	No. There is no differential impact
7. Religion or beliefs or none (atheists)	No. There is no differential impact
8. Caring responsibilities	No. There is no differential impact
9. Marriage and Civil Partnership	No. There is no differential impact
10. Disability: people with disabilities (whether registered or not)	No. There is no differential impact

3. IMPACT ASSESSMENT	
Does the analysis above identify any differential impacts which need to be addressed?	None
How could you minimise or remove any potential negative impacts?	N/A

Do you have enough information to make a judgement? If no, what information do you require?	Yes
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4. CONCLUSIONS AND PLANNED ACTION

Is further work required?	Yes
What action is to be taken?	Executive Directors must ensure risks are identified, managed and included in their Service Risk Register and the Corporate Risk Register where appropriate and that Risk Management Plans are in place.
Who will undertake it?	Executive Directors, Heads of Services
When will it be done?	The process of identifying and managing risk is continuous. Risk registers and action plans will be formally reviewed every 6 months.
How will it be monitored? (e.g. through service plans)	Through the Corporate Performance and risk management System; by exception reports to the Senior Management Team; by Internal Audit's on request; Annual reports to P&R and Monitoring and Audit Committee on risk management.

Signature

Date

31 August 2012

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