

# Equality and Fairness

## Establishing Relevance Report

<b>Officer responsible for establishing relevance</b>	Robert King Natalie Carpenter	
<b>Officer responsible for function being assessed</b>	Aidan Thatcher	
<b>Policy* area (or function)</b>	To approve the Draft Local Plan Part 2 for public consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations and to authorise the Director of Strategy, Regeneration & Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, to make any minor changes arising from the consultation and publish the Local Plan Part 2 under Regulation 19 for submission to the Secretary of State for examination under Regulation 22 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations	
<b>Originator (if not the Council)</b>		
<b>Is the policy proposed (new) or existing?</b>	Existing (as set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme adopted by full Council on 20th February 2012 and subsequently revised in May 2014 after approval by the Lead Member for Planning)	

**Snr/Head of Service**

Aidan Thatcher

**\*Policy = the full range of our policies, practices, activities, projects, procurement and decisions**, whether it is formally written down or whether it is informal custom and practice. This includes all existing policies and any new policies under development.

**Title of policy**

Consultation on the Draft Lewes District Local Plan

**What is the purpose of the policy and why is it needed?**

- It is a major policy that significantly affects how functions are delivered in terms of how those functions affect people and/or in terms of the financial decision-making process of the Council?
- Does it relate to an area with known inequalities (for example, access to public services for Gypsy and Traveller communities)
- Does it relate to an area where equality objectives have been set by the Council?

The Council has a statutory duty to prepare a Local Plan for its area and must comply with Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 in carrying out this duty.

**In what context will it/does it operate and who is it intended to benefit?**

- Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community, and therefore potentially have a significant effect in terms of equality and fairness? Remember that relevance of a policy will depend not only on the number of those affected but also on the significance of the effect on them.
- Does the policy relate to functions that previous engagement has identified as being important to particular protected groups?
- Will it have a significant effect on how other organisations operate in terms of equality? (for example, a government strategy, an inspection or a funding criterion)

All statutory bodies and individuals that have previously commented on the Local Plan Part 1: Joint Core Strategy, or have since commented on or asked to be informed of the progress of the Local Plan Part 2 will be consulted. The consultation will also be publicised on the Council's web site, through press releases, and working in partnership with town and parish councils. Paper copies of the document will be made available in local libraries and at Southover House. All representation received will be taken into consideration in preparing the next stage of the Local Plan Part 2, which will be the Pre-Submission document.

**Does, or could the policy, affect different protected groups differently? Please explain your reasons.**

Protected groups are: Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Maternity and Pregnancy, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex, Sexual Orientation

No. All protected groups will have the opportunity to submit representations on the Draft Local Plan Part 2.

**Does, or could, the PSED have an impact on the policy. Please explain your reasons?**

The PSED contains three main aims:

1. Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation
2. Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
3. Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

No. All protected groups will have the opportunity to submit representations on the Draft Local Plan Part 2.

**Based on your knowledge of the policy/function and the Council's equality and fairness agenda, do you consider the policy relevant to equality and requiring an equality and fairness analysis to be completed, or to have no relevance? Please explain your reasons:**

**The Policy is relevant to equality:**

**The Policy is not relevant and does not require an analysis:**

Cabinet is being asked to approve the publication of the Draft Local Plan Part 2 for consultation prior to preparation of the Pre-Submission document in accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 . All protected groups will have the opportunity to submit representations on the document.

**Once you have completed your assessment please forward it by email to [equality@eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:equality@eastbourne.gov.uk) for quality checking.**

**For completion by Corporate Equality and Fairness Planning Group:**

**Does the group agree with the assessment?**

**Yes**

**No**

**If the group agrees with the assessment the policy should be placed on the published list of policies on the Council's website together with this report. If the group does not agree with the assessment, please state the main reasons below:**

**If the CEaFPG considers that an analysis is required this policy should be programmed for such in line with its implementation date or review date. It should also be assigned a date for reporting to the Equality and Fairness Steering Group.**

**Date of Equality and Fairness Steering Group, where appropriate**

**For completion by the Equality and Fairness Steering Group:**

**Date assessment agreed:**

**Comments that require recording**

**Date decision published on website**