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## Equality and Fairness Screening Document

Use this form to establish whether you need to complete an Equality & Fairness Analysis

<b>Title of report</b>	Eastbourne Local Plan – Issues and Options Report
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<b>Decision sought – <i>what are you seeking approval for?</i></b>	Authority to publish Issues and Options Report for public consultation to inform development of Eastbourne Local Plan
<b>Head of Service</b>	Leigh Palmer
<b>Please outline:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The purpose of your report or policy</b></li><li>• <b>What your proposals are and why are they needed</b></li><li>• <b>The specific decision you are making / seeking</b></li></ul>	
<p>Eastbourne Borough Council is preparing a new Local Plan to replace the existing Local Plan, which is now considered to be out of date in accordance with regulations and guidance. A Local Development Scheme (LDS), which sets out the timetable for the production of the new Local Plan, was adopted by Full Council in February 2019. The LDS identifies that a public consultation will take place at the end of 2019, in order to satisfy Regulation 18 of the Town &amp; Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012 (as amended), which requires the local planning authority to invite stakeholders to make representations about what the local plan ought to contain.</p> <p>The Regulation 18 consultation will be in the form of publication of an Issues &amp; Options report that will present the issues that the Local Plan will be seeking to address, and suggest options for different strategies or ask questions about the best way of addressing those issues. The responses to the consultation will be used to develop the Local Plan itself during 2020.</p> <p>Cabinet is requested to authorise the publication of the Issues and Options Report for</p>	

public consultation between Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

- **Will your proposals or policy have an impact on staff or on members of the public e.g. service users, tenants, residents, people who work here, visitors?**
- **Will it significantly affect the way a service or services are organised, planned or delivered? Please describe who will be affected**

The Local Plan will have an impact on members of the public, including protected groups. However, the Issues and Options Report does not contain policy and only presents and asks for comment on what the Local Plan should contain. Therefore, it is considered that the Issues and Options Report would not have a direct impact on members of the public, or significantly affect the way that a service is organised, planned or delivered.

**Would an Equality Analysis be constructive at this stage? If not, explain why e.g:**

- The Equality Act may not be relevant to some decisions – e.g. purchase of some equipment or decision to lease some land
- Some decisions (e.g. seeking approval to begin work on a particular issue) don't need an EaFA at this stage
- Some decisions follow on from earlier decisions where an analysis has already been completed, and there is no further impact on people

It is not considered that an Equality Analysis is needed at this stage as the Issues and Options Report is a pre-policy consultation stage, and is therefore not proposing any new policy. However, drafting of the Local Plan itself will require an Equality Analysis at a later stage.

**Please highlight the relevant option below.**

- **An Equality Analysis already exists for this topic (give date & title)**
- **An Equality Analysis will be completed at a later stage**
- **An Equality Analysis is not constructive in this instance**

**Implications for Equality summary You can Paste this into your report**

It is assessed that an Equality Analysis is not conducive to this report. Please contact the report author if you would like to discuss further.

**If you have any questions about this form please email [EqualitiesEmail@lewes-eastbourne](mailto:EqualitiesEmail@lewes-eastbourne)**

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