

Uttlesford District Council

Fast-track equality impact assessment (EqIA) tool

What is this tool for?


This tool will help you to assess the impact of existing or new strategies, policies, projects, contracts or decisions on residents and staff. It will help you to deliver excellent services, by making sure that they reflect the needs of all members of the community and workforce.

What should be equality impact assessed?

You only need to equality impact assess strategies, policies, projects, contracts or decisions that are **relevant** to equality. If you are not sure whether your activity is relevant to equality take the 'relevance test' on Page 9.

How do I use the tool?

This tool is easy to use and you do not need expert knowledge to complete it. It asks you to make judgments based on evidence.

The tool uses a system of red flags  to give you an indication of whether or not your responses are identifying potential issues. Getting a red flag does not necessarily indicate a problem, but it does mean that your assessment is highlighting issues or gaps in data that may require further investigation or action.

If there is insufficient space to answer a question, please use a separate sheet.

General information		
1	Name of strategy, policy, project, contract or decision.	Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy 2017/2022
2	What is the overall purpose of the strategy, policy, project, contract or decision?	<p>The District Council is the Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and must review and publish its Statement of licensing Policy every fifth year.</p> <p>The next Statement to be published will be for the period 2017-22. The Statement must address, within the framework of the 2003 Act, how the Authority will promote the four licensing objectives of:</p> <p>(a) the prevention of crime and disorder; (b) public safety; (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and (d) the protection of children from harm.</p>
3	<p>Who may be affected by the strategy, policy, project, contract or decision?</p> <p><i>Consultation on the draft policy will take place over a 12 week period after the licensing committee approval. The licensing team will consult with all the persons listed in s5(3) of the Act, being responsible authorities under the Act, all premises licensed in the district, local businesses, Councillors, and Town & Parish Councils.</i></p>	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residents</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Staff</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> A specific client group/s e.g. linked by geographical location, social economic factors, age, disabilities, gender, transgender, race, religion or sexual orientation (please state)</div>
4	Responsible department and Head of Division.	<p>Department: Housing & Environmental Health</p> <p>Head of Division: Roz Millership</p>
5	Are other departments or partners involved in delivery of the strategy, policy, project, contract or decision?	<div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (please state):</div>


	<p><i>The council as licensing authority has overall responsibility for delivery of the policy through the Community Directorate. The practical application of it is shared through the responsible authorities named in the Licensing Act (the police, fire service, Local Children's' Safeguarding Board, Trading Standards, Environmental Health, the Local Planning Authority and Public Health).</i></p>																					
Gathering performance data																						
6	<p>Do you (or do you intend to) collect this monitoring data in relation to any of the following <u>diverse groups</u>?</p> <p>Age</p> <p><i>Apart from the measures designed to prevent harm to children, the Policy does not explicitly seek to adopt measures that distinguish individuals on the basis of age.</i></p> <p><i>The Equality Act 2010 disappplies age as a protected characteristic for those under 18 years in relations to services and public (DRAFT Code of Practice – Services, Public Functions and Associations Code, Equality & Human Rights Commission). There are lawful age restrictions within the Licensing Act 2003 that prevent individuals under 18 years of age from applying for a Personal Licence, a Premises Licence or from submitting a Temporary Event Notice.</i></p> <p><i>The 2003 Act also makes it offences for unaccompanied children to be on premises licensed for alcohol sales between midnight and 5am, for alcohol to be sold to someone under</i></p>	<table> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Age</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Disability</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Sex</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Race</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Gender Reassignment</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Sexual Orientation</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Religion & Belief</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Pregnancy and Maternity</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Marriage and Civil Partnerships</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Rural Isolation</td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gender Reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexual Orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion & Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pregnancy and Maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marriage and Civil Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Isolation
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18 years of age, for liqueur confectionery to be sold to an individual aged under 16, for alcohol to be consumed by someone under 18 on alcohol licensed premises (except 16 and 17 years olds consuming beer, wine or cider with a meal), for unsupervised sales of alcohol by under 18 year olds etc.




The Policy seeks to develop practices in licensed premises whereby they operate a Challenge 21/25 strategy whereby if someone looks over 18 but under 21/25 they will be asked to prove their age with certain verified age products.

Rather than adversely impacting on children, the policy seeks to positively consider children by ensuring that appropriate measures are in place for regulated entertainment for children to ensure that such entertainment is not used as cover for sales/consumption of alcohol.




Any residual entertainment of an adult nature is the subject of proposed safeguards and measures that would be appropriate to consider to avoid Children being exposed to such entertainment.

7	<p>How do you (or how do you intend to) monitor the impact of the strategy, policy, project, contract or decision?</p>	<div data-bbox="784 191 850 260"><input type="checkbox"/></div> Performance indicators or targets <div data-bbox="784 300 850 369"><input type="checkbox"/></div> User satisfaction <div data-bbox="784 409 850 478"><input type="checkbox"/></div> Uptake <div data-bbox="784 518 850 588"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> Consultation or involvement <div data-bbox="784 627 850 697"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> Workforce monitoring data <div data-bbox="784 737 850 806"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> Complaints <div data-bbox="784 846 850 915"><input type="checkbox"/></div> External verification <div data-bbox="784 955 850 1024"><input type="checkbox"/></div> Eligibility criteria <div data-bbox="784 1064 850 1134"><input type="checkbox"/></div> Other (please state): <div data-bbox="784 1173 850 1243"><input type="checkbox"/></div> None 
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Analysing performance data	
8	<p>Consider the impact the strategy, policy, project, contract or decision has already achieved, measured by the monitoring data you collect. Is the same impact being achieved for diverse groups as is being achieved across the population or workforce as a whole?</p> <p><i>No-one can apply for a licence if they are under 18. Except in very limited circumstances it is an offence to sell, buy or supply alcohol to under 18s or for unaccompanied children to be on licensed premises.</i></p>
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9	<p>Is uptake of any services, benefits or opportunities associated with the strategy, policy, project, contract or decision generally representative of <u>diverse groups</u>?</p> <p><i>The policy proposes specific measures to prevent under-age sales and child protection measures as a positive measure</i></p>
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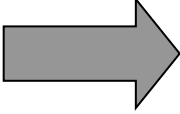
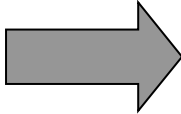
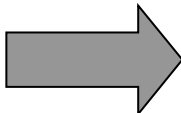
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Future Impact

12	<p>Think about what your strategy, policy, project, contract or decision is aiming to achieve over the long term and the ways in which it will seek to do this. This is your opportunity to take a step back and consider the practical implementation of your strategy, policy, project, contract or decision in the future. As well as checking that people from diverse groups will not be inadvertently excluded from or disadvantaged by any proposed activities, it is also an opportunity to think about how you can maximize your impact, reach as many people as possible and really make a difference to the lives of everyone in Uttlesford regardless of their background or circumstances.</p> <p>Is it likely to inadvertently exclude or disadvantage any diverse groups?</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="margin-right: 20px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes *  <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient evidence  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: 350px;"> <p>OVERVIEW 70,000 residents Demographic make up according to diverse groups.</p> </div> </div> <p>*Please state any potential issues Identified.</p> <p><i>Statement of Licensing Policy – sections</i></p> <p><i>1.15 The Licensing Authority recognises its responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010. The impact of this policy on those sharing protected characteristics will be monitored through Uttlesford District Council's equality scheme.</i></p> <p><i>1.18 This does not however undermine the rights of any person to apply under the Act for a variety of permissions nor does it override the right of any person to make representations on any application or seek a review of a licence or certificate where they are permitted to do so under the Act. Where such representations or a request for a review is made the application or review will be considered on its individual merits.</i></p>	
Improvement actions		
13	<p>If your assessment has highlighted any potential issues or red flags, can these be easily addressed?</p>	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: flex-start;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No*  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable </div> <p><i>*If Yes, please describe your proposed action/s,</i></p>

		<i>intended impact, monitoring arrangements implementation date and lead officer:</i>
Making a judgement – conclusions and next steps		
14	Following this fast-track assessment, please confirm the following:	
	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> There are no inequalities identified that cannot be easily addressed or legally justified	 No further action required. Complete this form and implement any actions you identified in Q13 above
	<input type="checkbox"/> There is insufficient evidence to make a robust judgement.	 Additional evidence gathering required (go to Q17 on Page 7 below).
	<input type="checkbox"/> Inequalities have been identified which cannot be easily addressed.	 Action planning required (go to Q18 on Page 8 below).
15	If you have any additional comments to make, please include here.	
	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> None	

Completion		
16	Name and job title (Assessment lead officer)	Amanda Turner
	Name/s of any assisting officers and people consulted during assessment:	Tony Cobden
	Date:	31 May 2017
	Date of next review:	2022
	<i>For new strategies, policies, projects, contracts or decisions this should be one year from implementation.</i>	
When completed, a copy of this form should be saved with the strategy, policy, project, contract or decision's file for audit purposes and in case it is requested under the Freedom of Information Act.		

Additional evidence gathering and action planning	
17	If your fast-track assessment indicated that complex issues or inequalities were

identified which could not be easily addressed, or you had **insufficient evidence** to make a judgement, you need to undertake an additional evidence gathering and action planning process. This is described below:

- (a) Gather and analyse relevant additional evidence (which may include engagement with diverse groups), to address gaps in your knowledge, enhance understanding of the issues and inform options for addressing these. Additional evidence is likely to include any or all of the following:

Data gathering

- Demographic profiles of Uttlesford
- Data about the physical environment, e.g. housing market, workforce, employment, education and learning provision, transport, spatial planning and public spaces
- Results of local needs analysis
- Results of staff surveys
- Research reports on the needs/experience of diverse groups
- National best practice/guidance
- Benchmarking with other organisations

Consultation and involvement

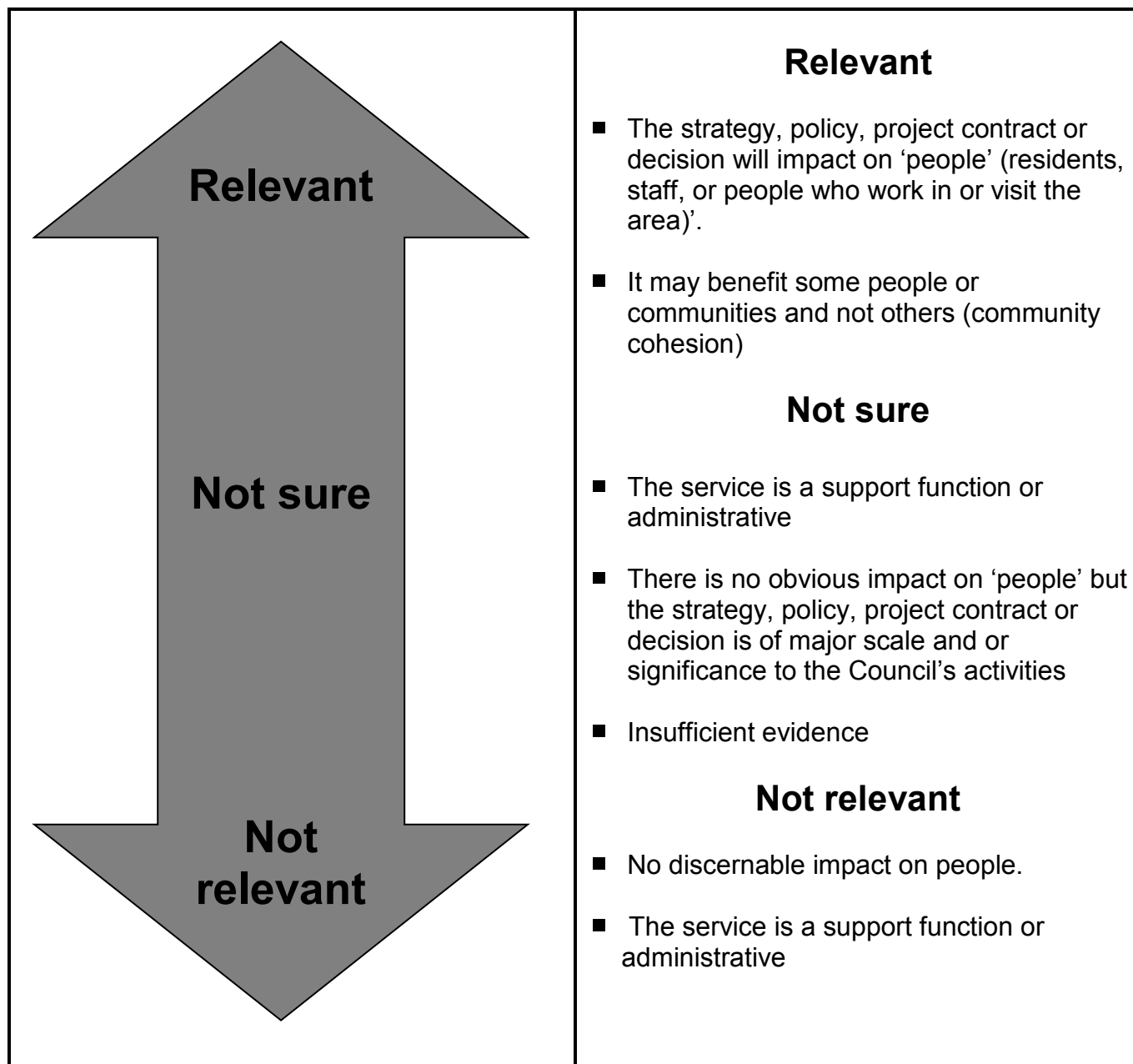
- Existing consultation findings that may provide insight into the issues
- New, specially commissioned engagement with diverse groups
- Expert views of stakeholders/employers organisations representing diverse groups
- Advice from experts or national organisations
- Specialist staff/in-house expertise.

- (b) For advice on evidence gathering or engagement with diverse groups please contact your departmental equality lead officer. Discuss any proposed consultation with your departmental equality lead officer to ensure it is coordinated with related exercises across the Council as a whole.
- (c) Use your evidence gathering, analysis and engagement with diverse groups to develop options for addressing inequalities or unmet need, consulting with relevant management teams, Members, strategic groups/partners where necessary to confirm proposed actions and resource issues.
- (d) When options for addressing any issues are agreed, if these cannot be implemented immediately integrate them into the appropriate service plan/strategic plan/multi-agency strategy, so that it is clear how they will be delivered, when they will be delivered, by whom and how this will be monitored.
- (e) Identify how the continuing implementation and impact of the strategy, policy, project, contract or decision on diverse groups in Uttlesford will be monitored.
- (f) Having gathered evidence re-evaluate this assessment.

	(g) Following completion of the above, please confirm the following:	
18	The conclusions and agreed proposals:	
	Summary of evidence gathered, including any internal and external consultation (please include full document titles and dates of publication and consultation for audit purposes):	
	Date proposals to be implemented and lead officer:	
	Where implementation is not immediate, please state in which service plan or strategy the proposed actions will be integrated:	
	Monitor arrangements (please include full details for audit purposes):	
Additional Comments		
19	If you have any additional comments to make, please include here:	<input type="checkbox"/> None
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20	Name and job title (Lead Officer): Name/s of other assisting officers: Date: Date of next review (if any):	
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The relevance test

Use the quick guide below to decide whether or not your strategy, policy, project, contract or decision is relevant to equality:



If you are not sure whether your strategy, project or decision is relevant to equality, ask _____, a member of the Council’s Equality Standard Working Group Officer for advice.
Tel. _____

Ensuring your premises for delivery are easily accessible

In order to ensure that your premises for delivery are accessible to disabled customers and staff, older people and people with small children you should comply with the principles of accessible design summarised below.

In some cases, and for legitimate reasons, this may not be possible. Where this is the case you can still ensure your premises are accessible if you make appropriate reasonable adjustments. For guidance on reasonable adjustments see the 'Key contacts' section at the foot of this page.

Level access

Is there level access into and inside your premises? This means no steps, steep slopes or lips on doorways.

Ramp or lift

If there are steps, can you fit a ramp or install a lift so disabled customers and staff and parents with pushchairs can get in? To be safe ramps must:

- Have a gradient of 1:20 or less
- Have a handrail
- Be firmly fixed to the ground

Bell or buzzer and alarms

Can you install a bell or buzzer outside and go out to disabled customers or staff when they ring? Do you have a visual as well as audible alarm?

Door handles

Are door handles easy to grip and easy to reach for customers or staff who are wheelchair users?

- Use an easy grip handle in a contrasting colour
- Install a magnetic device to hold doors open
- Are door locks easy to handle (not fiddly)?

Doormats

Are any doormats flush with the floor? Avoid bristle matting – it can be difficult for customers or staffs who are wheelchair users.

Colour contrast

Is there a colour contrast between your floors, walls, ceilings and doors? Use matt paint in contrasting colours or different tones.

Corridors and aisles

Are corridors and aisles clear enough for a wheelchair or pushchair to pass through?

Seating

Is there somewhere to sit down if customers or staffs have to queue or wait?

- Have seating with and without armrests, if possible.
- Leave space for a wheelchair user to pull up alongside a seated companion.

Height

Are all key facilities on the main floor? Are popular products on a mid-height shelf, and easy to reach from a wheelchair? Provide a lap tray or clipboard if a lower counter section is not available.

Lighting

Is it easy for visually impaired customers or staff to see everything they need to?

- Make sure your premises are well lit.
- Mark corners, steps and counter edges with high visibility tape so they can be easily seen.
- Keep highly reflective surfaces away from signs to avoid glare.

Guide dogs

If you normally ban animals, you should consider relaxing this for assistance dogs. Remember, it is not just visually impaired people who use assistance dogs.

Signs and labels

Are signs and labels short and easy to read? Are Induction loops available?

- Use large clear text (for example, 24-point text for shelf bar labels)
- Use contrasting colours (for example, black text on a white or yellow background)
- Make sure signs are at a suitable height.

Use visual or picture symbols as well as words, if appropriate.

Key contacts

For further advice or information please contact _____, a member of the Council's Equality Standard Working Group Officer.

Email:

Telephone:

Text phone:

Alternatively, contact your Divisional Equality Lead Officer:

Division/Services	Head of Division/Services	Tel. No.

Ensuring customer contact mechanisms are easily accessible

In order to ensure that customer contact mechanisms are accessible to disabled customers and staff, you should provide a range of alternatives – for example: phone, email, text phone, fax and face-to-face.

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