**Appendix 3**

**Housing Company - Initial Equalities Impact assessment**

1. Within the aims and objectives of the policy or strategy which group (s) of people has been identified as being potentially disadvantaged by your proposals? What are the equality impacts?

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| No groups have been identified as being potentially disadvantaged by these proposals. The equality impacts will all be positive as the creation of a housing company will lead to the provision of further affordable housing for those who cannot access market housing and the homes will be built to the latest design standards incorporating Lifetime Homes Standard features to maximize accessibility.  The Council has considered the fact that if, subject to negotiation, the phase 1 Barton Park homes will be transferred to the company not the council, the tenants will therefore not be council tenants (and will have different rights) but it is not considered that this will give rise to any Equalities Act issues. |

2. In brief, what changes are you planning to make to your current or proposed new or changed policy, strategy, procedure, project or service to minimise or eliminate the adverse equality impacts?

Please provide further details of the proposed actions, timetable for making the changes and the person(s) responsible for making the changes on the resultant action plan

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| No changes are being considered. |

3. Please provide details of whom you will consult on the proposed changes and if you do not plan to consult, please provide the rationale behind that decision.

Please note that you are required to involve disabled people in decisions that impact on them

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| Not applicable. |

4. Can the adverse impacts you identified during the initial screening be justified without making any adjustments to the existing or new policy, strategy, procedure, project or service?

Please set out the basis on which you justify making no adjustments

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| No adverse impacts identified |

5. You are legally required to monitor and review the proposed changes after implementation to check they work as planned and to screen for unexpected equality impacts.

Please provide details of how you will monitor/evaluate or review your proposals and when the review will take place

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| No changes identified |

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