Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) is part of Oxford City Council's Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) (Equality Act 2010).

The General PSED enables Oxford City Council to:

- a. identify and remove discrimination,
- b. identify ways to advance equality of opportunity,
- c. foster good relations.
- An EqIA must be done before making any decision(s) that may have an impact on people and/or services that people use and depend on.
- 3. An EqIA form is one of many tools that can simplify and structure your equalities assessment.
- We are passionate about equalities, and we highly recommend that <u>Corporate Management Team (CMT)</u> reports and all projects must attach an EqIA.

For questions, queries, and a chat about how to do your EqIA, please email your EDI officers:

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Please do refer to our <u>SharePoint Page</u> for support such as FAQs and Examples, etc.

A good EqIA has the following attributes:

1. Comprehensively considers the 9 protected characteristics.

1.	Age	6. Race & Ethnicity
2.	Disability	7. Religion or Belief
3.	Gender Reassignment	8. Sex
4.	Marriage & Civil Partnership	9. Sexual Orientation
5.	Pregnancy & Maternity	

- It has considered equality of treatment towards service users, residents, employees, partners, council suppliers & contractors, and Council Members
- Sufficiently considered potential and real impact of proposal or policy on service users, residents, employees, partners, council suppliers & contractors, and Council Members.
- **4.** Systematically recorded and reported any potential and real impact of your proposal or policy on service users, residents, employees, partners, council suppliers & contractors, and Council Members
- 5. Collected, recorded, & reported sufficient information and data on how your policy or proposal will have an impact.
- 6. Offers mitigations or adjustments if a PSED has been impacted.
- **7.** Provides clear **justifications** for your decisions.
- **8.** It is written in **plain English** with simple short sentence structures.

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Section 1: General overview of the activity under consideration

1.	Name of activity being assessed. For example: -New policy, -Review of existing policy, -Changes in service(s), -New project(s), etc.	Charges within Oxford City Council Car Parks existing and future sites. 2.	The implementation date of the activity under consideration:	01/02/2024
3.	Directorate/Department(s):	Corporate Assets	Service Area(s):	Car Parks
5.	Who is (are) the assessment lead(s): Please provide: -Name -Email address	Gary Preston gary.preston@odsgroup.co.uk Emma Gubbins egubbins@oxford.gov.uk	Contact details, in case there are queries: Please provide: -Name -Email address	Gary Preston gary.preston@odsgroup.co.uk
7.	Is this a new or ongoing EqIA?	New S. Extension to existing EqIA	If this is an extension of a previous EqIA, please indicate where the previous EqIA is located and share the link to the said EqIA.	Please type here.
9.	Date this EqIA started:	24/01/2024		
10.	Will this EqIA be attached to Corporate Management Team (CMT) reports/updates, which will be published online?	No 11	Give a date (tentative or otherwise) when this assessment will be taken to the CMT.	21/02/2024

Section 2: About the activity, change, or policy that is being assessed.

12.	Type of activity being considered: Check the most appropriate.	⊠ Budget	□ D	ecommiss	sioning	☐ Com	missioning	⊠ Chang	ge to an existing activity.
		☐ New Activity			☐ Oth	ers. Plea	se		
13.	Which priority area(s) within Oxford City Council's Corporate strategy (2020-2024) does this activity fulfil? Please check as needed.	⊠ Enable an inc economy.	lusive		ver more ble hous		Support th communities.	riving	□ Pursue a zero carbon Oxford.
14.	Which priority area(s) within Oxford City Council's Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Strategy (2022) does this activity fulfil? Please check as needed.	Responsive services and cus care.	tomer	engage	erse and ed workfo	orce.	Leadership organisational commitment.	o &	Understanding and working with our communities.
15.	Outline the aims, objectives, & priorities of the activity being considered.	Aims: Review charges within Ox City Council Car Parks - existing and future sites.			vehicles to the Oxford City to rappropriate loc park and rides. Remove free care		permiter of exisitng exisitng exisitng existing existing exisitng existing		es: v of charges within g car parks. ction of parking charges e sites.

car parks are being utiliised for faciltiies. Existing activity does not fulfil corporate objectives e.g. Oxford Transport Strategy (OTS) within Please outline the **16**. the Local Plan 2036 "Over recent years, while Oxford's population has grown (13% increase consequences of not between 2001 and 2011), traffic flows on key roads across the city have not increased. This has implementing this activity. been achieved through a combination of measures including the use of city centre access For example, -Existing activity does not fulfill restrictions, more restrictive car parking policy, expansion of controlled parking zones and bus Corporate Objectives, and cycle improvements. The overarching aim of the OTS is to increase overall transport -existing activity is discriminatory capacity but with no further growth in traffic". and not fulfilling Council's PSED. ... to name a few. Current issues of free car parks being utilised by commuters and residents using car parks as additional parking spaces for their household prevails. Doesn't meet Council's core policy of tackling climate change (Pursue a zero Carbon Oxford) and contribute to a reduciton in carbon emissions within the city. Doesn't build up on exisitng success of "46,000 people commute into Oxford for work. About a guarter travels into the city by foot, bicycle or public transport. Those commuting within the city are even more likely to use these modes of transport with two thirds doing so. " (enable an inclusive economy)

Section 3: Understanding service users, residents, staff and any other impacted parties.

Have you undertaken any consultations in the form of surveys, interviews, and/or focus groups?

Please provide details—-when,

-how many, and

Parking charges within exisitng car parks are reviewed annually and are subject to scrutiny through the Council's budget setting process. Charges are scrutinised by full council and as part of their statutory requirement, the Council ask residents for feedback on fees and charges.

When proposing the introduction of charges in a new car park, parking charges are set within the Council's Traffic Regulation Orders. The order is advertised for 21 days within the car park inviting comments from respondents.

	-the approach taken.	All members of the public can provide feedback on the proposals, indicating whether they support, partially support of object to them. This includes feedback if a respondent feels there is an equalities issue that has not been identified or considered. The Council is mandated to consider such objections. The consultation is publicised via local press, social media and the Council website where people can view the information and feedback comments via the Car Parks Service email address.						
18.	List information and data used to understand who your residents or staff are and how they will be impacted.	2021 Oxford City Council Census Data Oxfordshire County Council Feedback from Traffic Order Notice BBC News						
	These could bethird-party research, -census data, -legislation, -articles, -reports, -briefs.	ord.gov.uk						
19.	If you have not done any consultations or collected data & information, are you planning to do so in the future?	See section 17	OXFORD CITY COUNCIL					
	Please list the details – -when, -with whom, and -how long will you collect the relevant data.							

Section 4: Impact analysis.

20.	Who does the activity impact?	Service Users	Yes	\boxtimes	No		Don't Know	
	Check as needed.	Members of staff	Yes		No	\boxtimes	Don't Know	
	The impact may be positive, negative or unknown.	General public	Yes		No		Don't Know	
		Partner / Community Organisation	Yes	\boxtimes	No		Don't Know	
		City Councillors	Yes		No	\boxtimes	Don't Know	
		Council suppliers and contractors	Yes		No	\boxtimes	Don't Know	
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Does the activity impact positively or negatively on any protected characteristics as stated within Equality (Act 2010)?

Check as needed and provide evidence-driven conclusions.

Good Practice is to keep it simple and list your, evidence, insights, and mitigations.

Protected Characteristic	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Don't know	Data/information/evidence supporting your assessment	Analysis & insight Mitigations
Age					At the 2021 Census it was estimated that 30% of Oxford's population was aged 18-29 years (compared to 16% for Oxfordshire and 14% for	Only car users will pay parking charges. Since 2020 there has been growing concerns across the UK that the removal of car parking

<u> </u>			England and Wales), and the city has the second youngest median age – 31 years – of any place in England and Wales. Adults of working age (16-64 years) make up for 73% of the total Oxford population according to the Census 2021. This is higher than county (64%) and national (60%) averages. Those aged 65+ years make up 12% of the population in the city. This is lower than county (18%) and national averages (18%). The number of people aged over 75 years has increased slightly in the last 10 years (+595) – making up 5% of the population of the city. This is lower than the county (9%) and the national averages (8%). https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20131/population/460/age_and_gender_statistics OXFORD CITY COUNCIL	payment machines and the reliance on parking apps on smartphones would alienate over 65s, https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-65765554 Parking payment machines are available at existing sites and will be available in future sites. The machines will be cashless e.g. take card machines only.
Disability (Visible and invisible)			The new data found that the number of people impacted by disability in Oxford has increased slightly over the last decade – from 18,851 in 2011 to 23,491 in 2021. In 2021, 4.9% of Oxford residents had "day-to-day activities limited a lot" by disability (7,912 people) and 9.6% had "day-to-day activities limited a little" (15,579). This compares to 5.4% (8,139) and 7.1% (10,712), respectively, in 2011.	Free parking for disabled will be permitted in any bay

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Gender re-assignment			There is a choice of other alternative transport methods are promoted e.g. public transport, walking and cycling. Cyclox website In CII https://www.cyclox.org/index.php/2023/05/28/oxford-online-cycle-map/ higlights cycling routes around Oxford In 2023 a walking map https://www.oxpa.org.uk/map/ for Oxford was created. The map higlights walkling routes around Oxford and facilities such as benches and toilets. e. "Residents, their visitors, and local businesses can park in designated bays when displaying a relevant	No Impact on this group

			parking permit for that zone. Some spaces are also available for short-term parkers, and Blue Badge holders can park without restriction." (https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/parking-permits/controlled-parking-zones#paragraph-7024).	
113			Finally the City Council operates 3 Park and Rides around the city - Redbridge, Peartree & Seacourt. There are 2 other Parks and Ride sites Thornhill and Water Eaton operated by the County Council. At all sites a park and bus ticket is offered. You can pay for parking and a day return bus ticket using the machines onsite. For car parking and one traveller £4.00. For car parking and two adults £5.00. Up to three children (under 16) can also travel using either of the Park + Bus ticket options.	
Marriage & Civil Partnership			Only car users will pay parking charges. There is a choice of other alternative transport methods are promoted e.g. public transport, walking and cycling. Cyclox website https://www.cyclox.org/index.php/2023/05/28/oxford-online-cycle-map/ higlights cycling routes around Oxford	No impact on this group.

In 2023 a walking map https://www.oxpa.org.uk/map/ for Oxford was created. The map higlights walkling routes around Oxford and facilities such as benches and toilets.

In terms of public transport the Oxford Bus Company City 46 bus stops outside Florence Park and the ST2 Connector and 6 City stops outside one of many Port Meadow access gates.

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Race, Ethnicity and/or Citizenship			Only car users will pay parking charges. There is a choice of other alternative transport methods are promoted e.g. public transport, walking and cycling. Cyclox website https://www.cyclox.org/index.php/2023/05/28/oxford-online-cycle-map/ higlights cycling routes around Oxford In 2023 a walking map https://www.oxpa.org.uk/map/ for Oxford was created. The map higlights walkling routes around Oxford and facilities such as benches and toilets. e. "Residents, their visitors, and local businesses can park in designated bays when displaying a relevant parking permit for that zone. Some spaces are also available for short-term parkers, and Blue Badge holders can park without restriction." (https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/parking-permits/controlled-parking-zones#paragraph-7024).	No impact on this group.
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Pregnancy & Maternity			There is a choice of other alternative transport methods are promoted e.g. public transport, walking and cycling. Cyclox website https://www.cyclox.org/index.php/2023/05/28/oxford-online-cycle-map/ higlights cycling routes around Oxford In 2023 a walking map https://www.oxpa.org.uk/map/ for Oxford was created. The map higlights walkling routes around Oxford and facilities such as benches and toilets. e. "Residents, their visitors, and local businesses can park in designated bays when displaying a relevant parking permit for that zone. Some spaces are also available for short-term parkers, and Blue Badge holders can park without restriction." (https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-	.No impact on this group

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Religion or Belief			Only car users will pay parking charges. There is a choice of other alternative transport methods are promoted e.g. public transport, walking and cycling. Cyclox website https://www.cyclox.org/index.php/2023/05/28/oxford-	No impact on this group

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Other (voluntary consideration)			Tariff applied to all with access to facilities maintained for this group	No impact on this group
For example:				
Migrant, refugee, or asylum seekers				

Other (voluntary consideration) For example: Socio-economic status (income, wealth, etc.)			Tariff applied to all with access to facilities maintained for this group	No impact on this group
Other For example: Nunpaid carers Prison population - Homeless population -Council suppliers & contractors -Cabinet Members			NA DEPOSITION OXFORD CITY COUNCIL	

Section 5: Conclusion(s) of your Full Impact Assessment

	Stop and reconsider the activity.	Adjust activity before beginning the activity and continue to monitor.		No major change(s) or adjustments and continue with activity but continue to monitor.		No major change(s) or adjustments and continue with the activity. No need to monitor in the future.
ho rea co	ease explain w you have ached your nclusions ove.	The information set out above provides evidence of alter use of a car and therefore parking is required free parking sites will still offer free parking for disbable users. Dxford City Council operates 9 car parks within Parks as Alexandra Courts car park Court Place Farm car park Court Place Farm car park Coutteslowe and Sunnymead Park car park (A40) Cutteslowe and Sunnymead Park car park (Harbord Road Godstow Road car park (Port Meadow North) Hinksey Park car park Datlands Road Recreation Ground car park Valton Well Road car park (Port Meadow South) The implementation of the parking charges at the suggestions.	g within the pay and o	ne vacinity of the sites ha	as be	en provided. Also the

Section 6: Monitoring and review plan.

The responsibility for maintaining a monitoring arrangement of the EqIA action plan lies with the service/team completing the EqIA. These arrangements must be built into the performance management framework such as KPIs or Risk Registers.

Who or which team or service area will be responsible for monitoring equalities impact?

For example-

- team,
- -directorate,
- -service area,
- -Equalities Steering Group, etc.
- 25. Who (individual, team, or service area) will be responsible for carrying out the EqIA review?

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Section 7: Sign-off

125	Name: Full Name	Name: Full Name	Name: Full Name	Suggested list of people to include are:
	Job Title: Type here	Job Title: Type here	Job Title: Type here	Project lead/manager.
	Signature:	Signature:	OXFORDSignature:	Head of service area or team.
	Name: Full Name	Name: Full Name	COUNCIL Name: Full Name	3) Person who completed the
	Job Title: Type here	Job Title: Type here	Job Title: Type here	EqIA.
	Signature:	Signature:	Signature:	4) EDI Lead.
				5) EDI Specialist.
	Name: Full Name	Name: Full Name	Name: Full Name	For joint projects, please consider the following:
	Job Title: Type here	Job Title: Type here	Job Title: Type here	 Other project leads Other service area and/or team lead/managers.

Signature:	Signature:	Signature:

You have now reached the end of the assessment.

▲ Please appended this to any reports and project files for reference.

