

Why do an Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA)?

1. 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.**

2. 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.

4. We are passionate about equalities, and we highly recommend that [Corporate Management Team \(CMT\)](#) reports and all projects must attach an EqIA.

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A good EqIA has the following attributes:

1. **Comprehensively considers the [9 protected characteristics](#).**

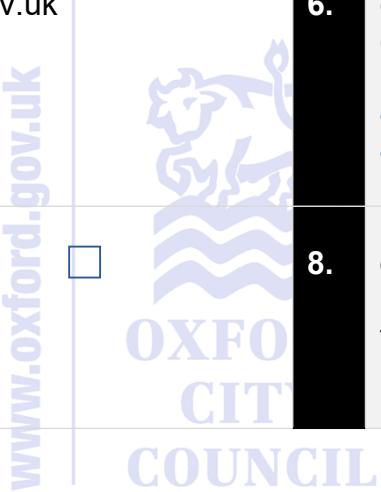
1. Age	6. Race & Ethnicity
2. Disability	7. Religion or Belief
3. Gender Reassignment	8. Sex
4. Marriage & Civil Partnership	9. Sexual Orientation
5. Pregnancy & Maternity	NEW- Socio-economic inequalities (voluntary adoption)
	NEW- Sanctuary seeking status leading to intersecting inequalities (voluntary adoption)

2. It has **considered equality of treatment** towards service users, residents, employees, partners, council suppliers & contractors, and Council Members
3. 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.

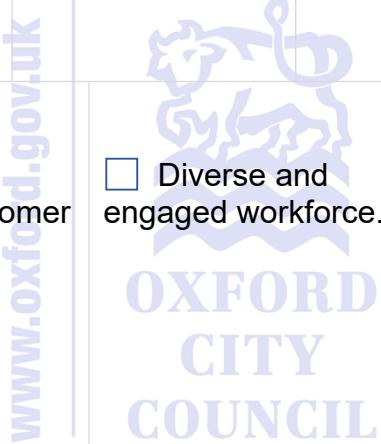
- 7. Provides clear **justifications** for your decisions.
- 8. It is written in **plain English** with simple short sentence structures.

Section 1: General overview of the activity under consideration

1.	Name of activity being assessed.	Draft Policies – Decant, Disposal, Electrical Safety, Legionella	2. The implementation date of the activity under consideration:	December 2025
3.	Directorate/Department(s):	Housing	4. Service Area(s):	Housing
5.	Who is (are) the assessment lead(s): Please provide: -Name -Email address	James Watkins jwatkins@oxford.gov.uk	6. Contact details, in case there are queries: Please provide: -Name -Email address	James Watkins jwatkins@oxford.gov.uk
7.	Is this a new or ongoing EqIA?	New <input type="checkbox"/>	8. 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.	No
9.	Date this EqIA started:	November 2025	11. Give a date (tentative or otherwise) when this assessment will be taken to the CMT.	December 2025
10.	Will this EqIA be attached to <u>Corporate Management Team (CMT)</u> reports/updates, which will be published online?			



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

12.	<p>Type of activity being considered: Check the most appropriate.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Decommissioning	<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioning	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others. Please specify: Strategic HRA policies		
13.	<p>Which priority area(s) <u>within Oxford City Council's Corporate strategy (2024-2028)</u> does this activity fulfil? Please check as needed.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good, affordable homes	<input type="checkbox"/> Strong, fair economy	<input type="checkbox"/> Thriving Communities	<input type="checkbox"/> Zero Carbon Oxford
14.	<p>Which priority area(s) <u>within Oxford City Council's Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Strategy (2022)</u> does this activity fulfil? Please check as needed.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Responsive services and customer care.	<input type="checkbox"/> Diverse and engaged workforce.	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership & organisational commitment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Understanding and working with our communities.
15.	<p>Outline the aims, objectives, & priorities of the activity being considered.</p>	 <p>www.oxford.gov.uk</p> <p>The policies being presented to the Council relate to the maintenance of the housing stock</p>			
16.	<p>Please outline the consequences of not implementing this activity. For example, -Existing activity does not fulfill</p>	<p>In 2018, the then Government published the Social Housing White Paper to ensure residents of social housing are safe, listened to, live in good quality homes and have access to help when things go wrong. Consequently, the Social Housing Regulation Act ("the Act") received Royal Assent in July 2023. The Act forms a new regulatory framework</p>			

Corporate Objectives,
-existing activity is discriminatory
and not fulfilling Council's PSED,
... to name a few.

for the social housing sector, aiming to give residents greater powers and improve access to quick and fair solutions to problems.

The Act aims to ensure Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) are compliant with the consumer standards by giving the Regulator of Social Housing new powers to address RSLs who are not meeting their commitments to residents.

The Social Housing Charter detailed what social housing residents should expect from their landlords, including feeling safe in their homes, knowing how their landlords are performing and having their complaints solved quickly.

The Act sets out to deliver against each of these commitments:

- Residents to be safe in their home.
- Residents to know how their landlord is performing.
- Residents to have their complaints dealt with promptly.
- Residents to be treated with respect.
- Residents to have their voice heard by their landlord.
- Residents to have a good quality home and neighbourhood to live in.

Technical policies are therefore required to adhere to this regulatory regime. They are also key to ensure the effective operation of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) property service as it ensures that asset management services and the development of the social housing programme are set within a sound operating framework such as meeting key performance criteria, as well as achieving sustainability objectives are met and monitored.

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

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

Yes – Residents Policy Review Group

<p>Please provide details— -when, -how many, and -the approach taken.</p>	<p>The Council recognises its equalities responsibilities as well as the critical need to listen and act on the lived experiences of our residents. There has been a series of meetings with the Residents Policy Review Group which has amended and approved the policies.</p>
<p>18. List information and data used to understand who your residents or staff are and how they will be impacted.</p> <p>These could be— -third-party research, -census data, -legislation, -articles, -reports, -briefs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislation - Risk assessment for vulnerable groups - Equalities assessment exercise - Engagement with residents
<p>19. If you have not done any consultations or collected data & information, are you planning to do so in the future?</p> <p>Please list the details – -when, -with whom, and -how long will you collect the relevant data.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  OXFORD CITY COUNCIL </p>

Section 4: Impact analysis.

<p>20. Who does the activity impact?</p>	<p>Service Users</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>Check as needed. The impact may be positive, negative or unknown.</p>	Members of staff	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
	General public	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
	Partner / Community Organisation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
	City Councillors	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>
	Council suppliers and contractors	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/>

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21.

Does the activity impact positively or negatively on any protected characteristics as stated within Equality (Act 2010)?

Protected Characteristic	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Don't know	Data/information/evidence supporting your assessment	Analysis & insight Mitigations
Age		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Disability (Visible and invisible)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Gender re-assignment		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Marriage & Civil Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Race, Ethnicity and/or Citizenship		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 www.oxford.gov.uk	
Pregnancy & Maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Religion or Belief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sex			X			
Sexual Orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	www.oxford.gov.uk	 OXFORD CITY COUNCIL	

Socio-economic inequalities such as:

- income and factors that impact income.
- access to jobs

This was voluntarily adopted by [Oxford City Council](#) on the 13th of March 2024.

Other (voluntary consideration)

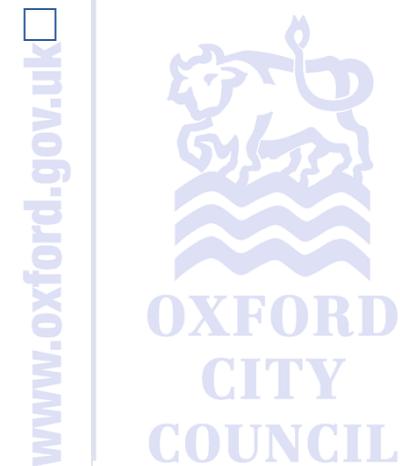
Sanctuary seeking status leading to intersecting inequalities experienced by

For example:

asylum seeker, refugee, person with insecure immigration status

[Oxford City Council became a local authority of sanctuary in December 2024, thereby committing to learn from our experiences, embed](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>				
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inclusive practices and share efforts to create a culture of welcome and safety for all.							
Other For example: - Unpaid carers - Prison population - Homeless population -Council suppliers & contractors -Cabinet Members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

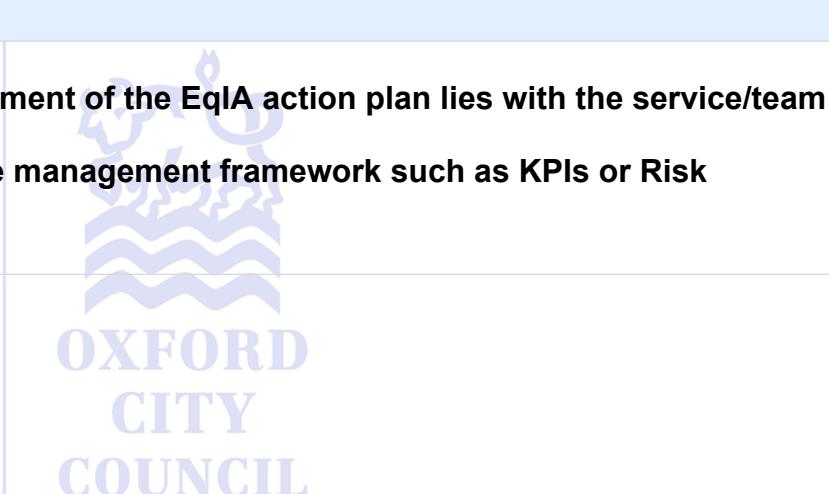
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Section 5: Conclusion(s) of your Full Impact Assessment

22.		Conclusions.						
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stop and reconsider the activity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjust activity before beginning the activity and continue to monitor.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No major change(s) or adjustments and continue with activity but continue to monitor.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No major change(s) or adjustments and continue with the activity. No need to monitor in the future.

23.	<p>Please explain how you have reached your conclusions above.</p>	<p>Benefits of Implementation:</p> <p>Promotes Equity: Ensures everyone has equal opportunities.</p> <p>Enhances Diversity:</p> <p>Improves Representation:</p>
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Section 6: Monitoring and review plan.

<p>24.</p> <p>25.</p>	<p>Who or which team or service area will be responsible for monitoring equalities impact?</p> <p>For example-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - team, - directorate, - service area, - Equalities Steering Group, etc. <p>Who (individual, team, or service area) will be responsible for carrying out the EqIA review?</p>	<p>Housing</p>	 <p>www.oxford.gov.uk</p> <p>HRA Team</p>
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26.

How often will the equality impact be reviewed for this activity?
For example-
-quarterly,
-yearly, etc.

Yearly

27.

Date when the EqIA will be reviewed again.

January 2027

Section 7: Sign-off

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Name: [Redacted]

Job Title: [Redacted]

Signature:

Name: [Redacted]

Job Title: [Redacted]

Signature:

Name: Gail Malkin

Job Title: Head of People

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Suggested list of people to include are:

- 1) Project lead/manager.
- 2) Head of service area or team.
- 3) Person who completed the EqIA.
- 4) EDI Lead.
- 5) EDI Specialist.
- 6) For joint projects, please consider the following:
 1. Other project leads
 2. Other service area and/or team lead/managers.

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You have now reached the end of the assessment.

⚠ Please append this to any reports and project files for reference.

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