

EQUALITY ANALYSIS QUALITY ASSURANCE CHECKLIST

Appendix 2

Name of 'proposal' and how has it been implemented (proposal can be a policy, service, function, strategy, project, procedure, restructure/savings proposal)	Tower Hamlets Mayor's Air Quality Fund
Directorate / Service	Place, Environmental Health and Trading Standards
Lead Officer	David Tolley
Signed Off By	Roy Ormsby

Stage	Checklist Area / Question	Yes / No / Unsure	Comment (If the answer is no/unsure, please ask the question to the SPP Service Manager or nominated equality lead to clarify)
1	Overview of Proposal		
a	Are the outcomes of the proposals clear?	Yes	Poor air quality has an impact on the health and quality of life of all in Tower Hamlets. The Mayor of Tower Hamlets has created an air quality fund to <i>raise awareness and tackle the significant pollutant issues within Tower Hamlets, mainly due to traffic which has resulted in the borough currently breaching the national and EU nitrogen dioxide limit values</i> ". Stakeholders could bid for grants from the fund to carry out activities to improve air quality within the borough to support meeting the priorities set in the Air Quality Action Plan and help Tower Hamlets to meet its statutory obligations. This should result in a beneficial effect for all residents and visitors to Tower Hamlets. To qualify for grant from the fund, applicants will need to meet the criteria set for the fund.

b	Is it clear who will be or is likely to be affected by what is being proposed (inc service users and staff)? Is there information about the equality profile of those affected?	Yes	The air quality fund was created to meet our statutory requirements under both European and UK legislations. The fund is likely to benefit businesses, residents and visitor to Tower Hamlets.
c	Is there a narrative in the proposal where NO impact has been identified? Please note – if a Full EA is not to be undertaken based on the screen or the fact that a proposal has not been ‘significantly’ amended, a narrative needs to be included in the proposal to explain the reasons why and to evidence due regard	No	The Council has a statutory duty to comply with the London Local Air Quality Management (LLAQM) regime under the Environment Act 1995. The fund will be used to achieve the action plans identified in the recently adopted London Borough of Tower Hamlets AQAP to improve air quality in Tower Hamlets and meet our statutory requirement.
2	Monitoring / Collecting Evidence / Data and Consultation		
a	Is there reliable qualitative and quantitative data to support claims made about impacts?	Yes	Research (both national and international) has shown air pollution is associated with a number of adverse health impacts including being a contributory factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer. There is also often a strong correlation with equalities issues, as areas with poor air quality are also often the less affluent areas.
	Is there sufficient evidence of local/regional/national research that can inform the analysis?	Yes	Refer to comments above
b	Has a reasonable attempt been made to ensure relevant knowledge and expertise (people, teams and partners) have been involved in the analysis?	Yes	The Tower Hamlets Air Quality Action Plan has been developed in consultation with and engagement with stakeholders including other Council departments and external agencies i.e. The GLA, DEFRA and the Mayor of London
c	Is there clear evidence of consultation with stakeholders and users from groups affected by the proposal?	N/A	No further consultation is necessary.
3	Assessing Impact and Analysis		
a	Are there clear links between the sources of evidence (information, data etc) and the interpretation of impact	Yes	Refer to comments in 2a above.

	amongst the nine protected characteristics?		
	Is there a clear understanding of the way in which proposals applied in the same way can have unequal impact on different groups?	Yes	Implementation of the Mayor's Air Quality Fund will have a positive beneficial effect on all groups within the borough as the outcome will be to improve air quality for all in the borough but particularly the most vulnerable groups.
b	Has the assessment sufficiently considered the three aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and OTH objectives?	Yes	Implementation of the Mayor's Air Quality Fund will have a positive beneficial effect in improving air quality across the population of Tower Hamlets. The provision of the Tower Hamlets Mayor's Air Quality Fund will have a positive beneficial effect on safeguarding across the community.
4	Mitigation and Improvement Action Plan		
a	Is there an agreed action plan?	NA	Action plan not necessary.
b	Are all actions SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time Bounded)	NA	Action plan not necessary.
c	Are the outcomes clear?	Yes	The outcome is to use the fund to reduce air pollution in the borough.
d	Have alternative options been explored	Yes	Alternative option would to be to not issue grants to various stakeholders, this would mean the Council would fail to meet its statutory obligations to reduce air pollution in the borough and may face legal action.
6	Quality Assurance and Monitoring		
a	Are there arrangements in place to review or audit the implementation of the proposal?	Yes	A grant application, monitoring and evaluation form is proposed.
b	Is it clear how the progress will be monitored to track impact across the protected characteristics?	Yes	Progress of projects will be monitored using a monitoring and evaluation form following successful delivery/completion of projects
7			
a	Does the executive summary contain sufficient	Yes	The executive summary provides the background to

	information on the key findings arising from the assessment?		establishing the Tower Hamlets Mayor's Air Quality fund and the criteria to be met to qualify for a grant from the fund and the expected beneficial outcome to be delivered.
8	Sign Off and Publication		
a	Has the Lead Officer signed off the EA? Please note – completed and signed off EA and Quality Assurance checklists to be sent to the One Tower Hamlets team	Yes	

Any other comments			
Signature		Date	

Please keep this document for your records and forward an electronic version to the One Tower Hamlets Team