

Equality Impact Assessments Screening Proforma

Section One: About the Policy / Function

Service Group: DNS	Service: Technical Services	Section: Traffic and Road Safety	Lead officer: David Lynch
Support officers: Jane Salisbury		Completion date: April 2008	
General information			
(1) Name of Policy / Function:	<i>Network Management Plan</i>		
(2) Is this new or existing?	<i>New</i>		
(3) What is the overall aim(s) of the policy / function?	<i>To plan and co-ordinate works and events on the highway.</i>		
(4) What are the objectives of the policy / function?	<i>To minimise disruption and congestion for users of the highway network..</i>		

(5) Who are the main customer groups of this policy / function?	<i>Users of the highway network in the borough and people living in the borough</i>
(6) What are the potential and actual numbers of customers in each group?	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Traffic Data for 2006/07</i></p> <i>Vehicles – Average daily trips on JSU’s River screenline. 190,870</i> <i>Pubic Transport – Annual boardings from Stockton stops. 9,814,730</i> <i>Cycling – Cycling trips at 18 permanent detector sites. 1,604</i> <i>Pedestrias – No practical data.</i>
(7) Who implements this policy / function within Stockton-on-Tees and how?	<i>The Network Manager by managing roadworks and monitoring the effects.</i>
(8) Are any partner agencies involved in the delivery of this policy / function? If so, whom?	<i>Statutory undertakers, Police</i>
(9) Are other services affected by this policy / function?	Yes
(10) If yes, please state which policies or functions are affected and whether this is a positive or negative impact?	<i>Highway Maintenance Plan, positive effect</i> <i>Winter Maintenance Plan, positive effect</i> <i>Daughter Strategies of Local Transport Plan, positive impact</i>
(11) Would it be better to combine assessment of this policy /function with others closely related into one impact assessment?	<i>Many Performance Indicators for the Network Management Plan are shared with other policies such as Local Transport Plan monitoring. However, the Network management Plan requires an annual report to review the policies and this must be prepared individually.</i>

Section One: Data Review and Analysis

Data Source	When and how collected	Significant findings Age	Significant findings Disability	Significant findings Faith	Significant findings Gender	Significant findings Race	Significant findings Sexual Orientation
National Data eg: Census Performance Indicators	<i>Census Data Office for National Statistics</i>	<p>Age</p> <p>The average age of the population is rising as birth rates fall and people tend to live longer. In 2004, the percentage of national population under 16 was 19%. A further 19% were over state pension age. These are the age groups that are most likely to rely on public transport for accessibility. The figures for Stockton-on-Tees are 21.6% and 15% respectively. However, it should be noted that the population of Stockton-on-Tees is projected to rise whilst the number of children is projected to fall. Most of the rise will be accounted for by the over 65 age group. Children and pensioners are the age groups that are most reliant on public transport and will affect the National Performance Indicators 175 (Access to services by public transport, walking and cycling) and 177 (Local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority).</p> <p>Children are also more likely to use cycling and walking as a means to access facilities independently. This activity is measured by LTP 3 Indicator (Cycling trips). The Council is providing improved facilities for cyclists with the intention of increasing the number of cycle trips made around the Borough.</p>					
Local data eg: Viewpoint panel	<i>Tees Valley JSU</i>	<p>The Network Management Plan will help to highlight the needs of these groups for good accessibility and improve the range of facilities available to them.</p> <p>Disability</p> <p>Data regarding disabled people is based on a range of definitions of disability and, therefore, there are different estimates of the number of disabled people. The Council fully supports the Social Model definition of disability. National figures indicate 9 million people who define themselves as having a limiting long-term illness (LLTI) accounting for 17.9% of the population. The average across the region is 22.7%, but the rate of LLTI in Stockton is 19.9%. Therefore, the rate in Stockton is higher than the national average, but lower than the remainder of the North East region.</p> <p>Disabled people are more likely to have accessibility problem whilst travelling to facilities. These are covered by National Indicators 175 and 177 and are measured as part of the</p>					

<p>Service area data eg: comments and complaints</p>		<p>monitoring process of the Network Management Plan. The Network Management Plan will help to highlight the needs of disabled people for good accessibility and improve the range of facilities available to them.</p> <p>Faith There is no information available regarding faith in terms of the Network Management Plan however it is not anticipated that the Network Management Plan would in any way differentiate between people of different faiths. However the service needs to take account of different faith festival and events which may have an impact on the Network Management Plan.</p> <p>Gender The Network Management Plan will not differentiate between people of different genders.</p> <p>Race As counted by the 2001 Census the majority of the population of England were white (45 million people or 91% of the [population]). Of the remaining 4.5 million people, Indians were the largest ethnic group, followed by Pakistanis and black Caribbean. Stockton has a much smaller ethnic minority (2.8%) with most BME residents being of Pakistani origin. It should be noted that these figures do not include all asylum seekers and refugees in the Stockton area</p>
<p>Other data</p>		<p>The majority of the ethnic Population are concentrated in the Parkfield, Mill Lane and Oxbridge town centre wards. A public consultation exercise is planned for the draft of the Network Management Plan. Advice on suitable means of including BME residents should be sought from representatives of the BME community.</p> <p>Sexual Orientation There is no information available regarding sexual orientation in terms of the Network Management Plan however it is not anticipated that the Network Management Plan would in any way differentiate between people of different sexual orientation.</p>

Stage 2 Scoring the Policy

Now that you have all the information available you can move onto scoring the policy for impact:

	Does it reduce discrimination?	Does it or is it likely to promote equality of opportunity?	Does it promote good relations between groups?	Does it encourage participation in public life and access to council services?	Does it promote positive attitudes and images to different groups?	Total Score for strand
Age	3	3	3	3	3	15
Disability	3	3	3	3	3	15
Faith/Belief	2	2	2	2	2	10
Gender	2	2	2	2	2	10
Race	3	3	3	3	3	15
Sexual Orientation	2ND	2ND	2ND	2ND	2ND	10
Total Score						75

Scoring System:

- Score 3 if the policy has a positive effect
- Score 2 if the policy has a neutral effect
- Score 1 if the policy has a negative effect

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Responsible Officer: David Lynch **Form completed by:** David Lynch/Jane Salisbury
Date: 10 April 2008

Stage 1 Collecting information and data to support the assessment

Date completed:10 April 2008.....

Stage 2 Scoring the Policy

Impact Assessment Score 75

Action Taken

No action required

Policy to be amended (action plan attached): Yes

Substantiate aims of the policy as originally proposed:

The policy / function has not been amended because:

Stage 3 Publication and Monitoring

Date of Publication

Date Set for Review.....

Action Plan:

This action plan highlights how the policy will be amended to address the issues highlighted in the Equalities Impact Assessment. Longer term issues will be developed into actions within the relevant Service Improvement Plan.

Objective - To ensure Network Management Plan Function is being delivered so all residents have equal opportunities to benefit from its aims and objectives.		
Key Actions	Who is responsible?	When will it be done?
Consultation strategy to be discussed with Stockton BME Network	David Lynch	May 2008
Consult effectively Faith and Belief communities	David Lynch	May 2008