

Equality Impact Assessment

Service Area: Planning, Housing & Health

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Date of Assessment: 16/05/2022

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Name of policy/function/project/service area to be assessed:

Empty Homes Project

Brief description of proposal to be assessed: To deliver an empty homes to increase housing supply and reduce the demand for temporary accommodation.

Proposed implementation date of project/proposal: End June 2022

Brief description of the anticipated outcomes of the proposal:

Provision	Current Arrangement	Proposed Arrangement	Comment
An increase in housing supply	N/A	Targeted interventions	Click or tap here to enter text.
Improvement in housing standards	N/A	Targeted interventions	Click or tap here to enter text.
A reduction in demand for temporary accommodation	N/A	Targeted interventions	Click or tap here to enter text.
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Impact:

Summarise any positive impacts or benefits, any negative impacts (i.e. potential for discrimination, disadvantage or disproportionate treatment) and any neutral impacts and the evidence you have taken into account to reach this conclusion. Be aware that there may be positive, negative and neutral impacts within each

characteristic. (NOTE: please refer to the Equality Strategy for the characteristics)
Where an impact is unknown, state so, and identify what steps will be taken to address any gaps in data:

The project will aim to bring empty homes back into use through consistent targeted interventions. The strategy will be transparent and owners of empty homes will receive proportionate treatment. The team will work closely with the housing team so that those properties that may be suitable for temporary accommodation will be prioritised. There is a possibility of enforcement action, but this will only be taken when there is no other reasonable option.

Consideration of Alternatives:

Describe what alternatives have been considered and/or what actions will be taken to remove or minimise any potential negative effect identified above (attach evidence or provide link to appropriate data, reports, etc):

The project will use council tax data to target interventions.

Consultation:

Brief description of any consultation with stakeholders and summarise how it has influenced the proposal. Please attach evidence or provide link to appropriate data or reports:

Will be presented at strategy & resources Committee on 6 June 2022 – consultation with ward members, parish councils, SMT, North Devon & Torrington Housing Crisis Group.

Funding Considerations:

A management system has already been procured. It is anticipated that no significant additional funding will be required.

Date approved by Head of Service: 10/05/2022

Reporting and Publication:

Equality Impact Assessments will be published on North Devon Council's website.

The completion of an Equality Impact Assessment is an ongoing process. Impacts will be continually reviewed during projects and the decision making process and the Assessment will be updated accordingly and published.

A further assessment will also be undertaken between 6 to 12 months following the implementation of the policy, project, decision or service change has been implemented.

Please also confirm the date on which you will be re-considering the project/report and submitting a further EIA if applicable.

March 2023

Monitoring Arrangements:

Briefly describe the monitoring arrangements/systems that will be put in place to monitor the effects of this proposal.

Quarterly reports and a reduction in recorded empty homes on the council tax register

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