

Corporate Debt Policy

Equality Impact Assessment

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1. What type of proposal / decision is being assessed?

A new or revised policy

2. What is the purpose of this proposal / decision, and what change (to staff or the community) will occur as a result of its implementation?

To deal with customer indebtness to Denbighshire County Council in a holistic, fair and senstive manner. The change to the customer / community is to try to resolve payment indebtness to individual services from one central point, rather than at present and also to signpost cases to the third sector for specialised support.

3. Does this proposal / decision require an equality impact assessment? If no, please explain why.

Please note: if the proposal will have an impact on people (staff or the community) then an equality impact assessment **must** be undertaken

This policy will benefit all customers within DCC regardless upon age, gender, ethnicity, religion, belief, sexual orientation etc. because it is treating the customer as a single entity, rather than a debtor of multiple departments, as such it simplfies and assists in the resolution of debts owed to the Council

4. Please provide a summary of the steps taken, and the information used, to carry out this assessment, including any engagement undertaken

(Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for guidance)

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5. Will this proposal / decision have a positive impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-

reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)? (Please refer to section 1 in the toolkit for a description of the protected characteristics)

<Please summarise any likely positive impact and identify which protected characteristics will benefit>

6. Will this proposal / decision have a disproportionate negative impact on any of the protected characteristics (age; disability; gender-reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation)?

<Please summarise any disproportionate negative impact and identify which protected characteristics will be affected>

7. Has the proposal / decision been amended to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate negative impact? If no, please explain why.

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8. Have you identified any further actions to address and / or monitor any potential negative impact(s)?

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9. Declaration

Every reasonable effort has been made to eliminate or reduce any potential disproportionate impact on people sharing protected characteristics. The actual impact of the proposal / decision will be reviewed at the appropriate stage.

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Please note you will be required to publish the outcome of the equality impact assessment if you identify a substantial likely impact.