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Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation

Introductory Information

Reference number

959

Budget/project proposal name

Approval of new HMO Licensing standards

Entered on Q Tier

☐ Yes ☒ No

Budget/project proposal status

Project

Years

12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
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EIA date

01/09/2016

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Lead corporate plan priority

Thriving Neighbourhoods and Communities

Portfolio, Service and Team

Cross portfolio

☐ Yes ☒ No

Communities

☒ Yes ☐ No

Service

Housing Services

Team

Private Housing Standards

CYPF

☐ Yes ☒ No

Place

☐ Yes ☒ No

Resources

☐ Yes ☒ No

PPC

☐ Yes ☒ No

Health (including Director of Public Health)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Brief aim(s) of the proposal and the outcome(s) you want to achieve

To approve revised standards for licensable HMOs part of which will also be used as overcrowding standards for non-licensable HMOs in Sheffield. This is a local set of standards but incorporating national minimum standards.

Specialist Provision**Proposal impacts on or relates to specialist provision**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Poverty (Financial Inclusion)**Proposal has an impact on poverty or financial inclusion**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Health**Proposal has significant impact on health and well-being (including effects on the wider determinants of health)**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Public Health Leads has signed off the health impact(s) of this EIA

☐ Yes ☒ No

Health lead

Select...

Age**Staffing**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Customers

☐ Yes ☒ No

Disability**Staffing**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Customers

☐ Yes ☒ No

Pregnancy/maternity**Staffing**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Customers

☐ Yes ☒ No

Race**Staffing**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Customers

☒ Yes ☐ No

Impact

Neutral

Level

None/Low

Details on impact

The standards increase floor space standards for singles sharing rooms and make it a requirement for people to agree to room share. This happens most in Asylum Seeker properties and amongst the Chinese student community. The standards will apply to new licences (and variations to existing licences) and any existing overoccupancy will be allowed to continue until the existing occupancy has come to the end of their tenancy.

Supporting evidence**Action plan**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Religion/belief**Staffing**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Customers

☐ Yes ☒ No

Sex**Staffing**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Customers

☐ Yes ☒ No

Sexual Orientation**Staffing**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Customers

☐ Yes ☒ No

Transgender

Staffing

☐ Yes ☒ No

Customers

☐ Yes ☒ No

Carers**Staffing**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Customers

☐ Yes ☒ No

Voluntary/Community & Faith Sectors**Staffing**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Customers

☐ Yes ☒ No

Cohesion**Customers**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Partners**Customers**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Armed Forces**Staffing**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Customers

☐ Yes ☒ No

Other/Additional**Staffing**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Customers

☐ Yes ☒ No

Supporting Documentation

HMO Standards 2016 final.doc

Summary of Impact

Overall summary of possible impact

From our experience room sharing is most common by some BME communities and asylum seekers. Rooms currently used for two singles will be prevented from such occupation when the properties next require a licence if the room sizes are too small. The Licence conditions would not lead to the eviction of any occupants as the new standard will only apply upon a change of room occupancy.

Proposal has geographical impact across Sheffield

☐ Yes ☒ No

Which local partnership area will be impacted

☒ All Partnership Areas

Proposal has a cumulative

☐ impact ☒ Yes ☐ No

Summary of evidence

Whilst rooms occupied by Chinese student communities are confined to student areas, asylum seeker properties are present across the City

Review**Review date****Risk rating**

☒ Low

Decision Type**Type of decision**

Individual Cabinet Member

Lead cabinet member

Dunn Jayne (LAB CLLR)

Staff**Staff who may be affected by these proposals are aware**

☐ Yes ☒ No

Consultation**Consultation**

☐ required ☒ Yes ☐ No

Manager and Approval**Lead officer**

Rotherham Paul (NCC)

EIA approved

☒ Yes ☐ No

EIA escalated due to significant poverty impact and sign-off agreed

Form complete