

Equalities Analysis Assessment

Broadway Living RP – Equalities Impact Assessment

1. Proposal Summary Information

EIA Title	Mutual Exchange Policy
Scope	Is it an Initiative/Function/Policy/Project/Scheme (<i>Pick one</i>) Policy
Approval	Board Report Decision/Officer Decision/ Exec Decision (<i>Pick one</i>) Board

1. What is the Initiative/Function/Policy/Project/Scheme (*pick one*) looking to achieve? Who will be affected?

(i.e. Please provide an overview of the aims, objectives and desired outcomes of what you are proposing. Who currently uses the service that will be affected by your proposal? Who will be affected by any changes? What are their current needs? Please add your data here.)

To provide Mutual Exchange as a means of our residents moving home and meet our legal and regulatory requirements.

It affects residents living in our homes.

2. What will the impact of your proposal be?

(i.e. Please provide a before and after picture of the service that will be affected by your proposal e.g. how does it currently operate and then how it will operate after your proposal has been implemented. Where possible please be clear on the number of people or size of the community affected)

The impact will be to increase tenant mobility and combat difficult living situations like overcrowding.

2. Impact on Groups having a Protected Characteristic

AGE: *A person of a particular age or being within an age group.*

State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral:

Describe the Impact

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(Please be as specific and clear as possible when describing the impact and include any local data i.e. service usage. If this is lacking please include regional or national data or research. Please identify any differential impact on different age groups. Please note if there is no differential impact on people with this characteristic, please state this)

The policy has no adverse impact on this particular group. All residents stand to benefit from the ability to exchange homes with another tenant of social housing.

As older tenants tend to under-occupy this increases their chance of finding a swap where they are looking to downsize, so there is potentially a positive impact for this group.

Alternatives and mitigating actions which have been considered in order to reduce negative effect:

Describe the Mitigating Action

(Please describe any actions you will take to limit the impact of your proposal on this group. Please be open and forthright, decision makers need to be provided with as clear a picture as possible.)

DISABILITY: *A person has a disability if s/he has a physical, mental or sensory impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities¹.*

State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral:

Describe the Impact

(Please be as specific and clear as possible when describing the impact and include any local data i.e. service usage. If this is lacking please include regional or national data or research. Please identify any differential impact on people with different types of disabilities. Please note if there is no differential impact on people with this characteristic, please state this)

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GENDER REASSIGNMENT: *This is the process of transitioning from one sex to another. This includes persons who consider themselves to be trans, transgender and transsexual.*

State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral:

Describe the Impact

¹ Due regard to meeting the needs of people with disabilities involves taking steps to take account of their disabilities and may involve making reasonable adjustments and prioritizing certain groups of disabled people on the basis that they are particularly affected by the proposal.

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RACE: A group of people defined by their colour, nationality (including citizenship), ethnic or national origins or race.

State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral:

Describe the Impact

(Please be as specific and clear as possible when describing the impact and include any local data i.e. service usage. If this is lacking please include regional or national data or research. Please identify any differential impact on people from different ethnic backgrounds. Please note if there is no differential impact on people with this characteristic, please state this)

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RELIGION & BELIEF: Religion means any religion. Belief includes religious and philosophical beliefs including lack of belief (for example, Atheism). Generally, a belief should affect a person's life choices or the way you live for it to be included.

State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral:

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any differential impact on people with different religious beliefs. Please note if there is no differential impact on people with this characteristic, please state this)

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SEX: Someone being a man or a woman.

State whether the impact is positive, negative, a combination of both, or neutral:

Describe the Impact

(Please be as specific and clear as possible when describing the impact and include any local data i.e. service usage. If this is lacking please include regional or national data or research. Please note if there is no differential impact on a persons gender, please state this)

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SEXUAL ORIENTATION: A person's sexual attraction towards his or her own sex, the opposite sex or to both sexes, covering including all LGBTQ+ groups.

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PREGNANCY & MATERNITY: Description: Pregnancy: Being pregnant. Maternity: The period after giving birth - linked to maternity leave in the employment context. In the non-work context, protection against maternity discrimination is for 26 weeks after giving birth, including as a result of breastfeeding.
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MARRIAGE & CIVIL PARTNERSHIP: Marriage: A union between a man and a woman. or of the same sex, which is legally recognised in the UK as a marriage Civil partnership: Civil partners must be treated the same as married couples on a range of legal matters.
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3. Human Rights²

4a. Does your proposal impact on Human Rights as defined by the Human Rights Act 1998?

Yes No X

(If yes, please describe the effect and any mitigating action you have considered.)

4b. Does your proposal impact on the rights of children as defined by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?

Yes No X

(If yes, please describe the effect and any mitigating action you have considered.)

4c. Does your proposal impact on the rights of persons with disabilities as defined by the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities?

Yes No X

(If yes, please describe the effect and any mitigating action you have considered.)

4. Conclusion

(Please provide a brief overview/summary of your analysis in light of the protected characteristics. Please describe the overall impact of your proposal where possible and mitigating actions undertaken by other areas of the Council or by local partners)

The policy has no particular relevance and no impact specific to any of the protected groups. Overall, therefore the policy does not adversely impact in terms of equality.

4a. What evidence, data sources and intelligence did you use to assess the potential impact/effect of your proposal? Please note the systems/processes you used to collect the data that has helped inform your proposal. Please list the file paths and/or relevant web links to the information you have described.

(Please list all sources here: i.e. local consultation, residents' survey, census etc.)

² For further guidance please refer to the Human Rights & URNC Guidance on the Council Equalities [web page](#).

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5. Action Planning: *(What are the next steps for the proposal please list i.e. when it comes into effect, when mitigating actions linked to the protected characteristics above will take place, how you will measure impact etc.)*

Action	Outcomes	Success Measures	Timescales/ Milestones	Lead Officer <i>(Contact Details)</i>

Additional Comments:

No further action required.

6. Sign off:

Form completed by:	Reviewed by:	Approved by:
Name: John Baldwin	Name:	Name:
Job Title: Consultant	Job Title:	Job Title:
Date: 18/3/21	Date:	Date:

Appendix 1: Legal obligations under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010:

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- Under the act, we must have due regard to the need to:
 - a) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - c) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

- The protected characteristics are: AGE, DISABILITY, GENDER REASSIGNMENT, RACE, RELIGION & BELIEF, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, PREGNANCY & MATERNITY, MARRIAGE & CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

- Having due regard to advancing equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not, involves considering the need to:
 - a) Remove or minimising disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic
 - b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant characteristic that are different from the needs of the persons who do not share it.
 - c) Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

- Having due regard to fostering good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not, involves showing that you are tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

- Complying with the duties may involve treating some people more favourably than others; but this should not be taken as permitting conduct that would be otherwise prohibited under the Act.