

## Worcestershire County Council Equality Impact Assessment Simplified Desktop Screening

This exercise is not an Equality Impact Assessment. It is a simplified desktop exercise designed to establish if there is a need to carry out a full assessment.

| <b>Part One:</b> basic information needed to identify the policy/function and to prepare for the screening. |   |  |
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| 1.1   | Directorate and Section/Unit.   | Environmental Services – ITS – Access Team   |
| 1.2   | Title or brief description of the policy/function being screened.                                       | Plan and procure transport for SEN, and Social Care, both Children’s and Adults  |
| 1.3   | To which section of the Directorate or Corporate “business/service plan” does this relate?              | Environmental Services Performance Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing traffic congestion and improving roads and road safety, for all who travel within or through the County</li> <li>• Improving customer access to our services and facilities</li> </ul>   |
| 1.4   | Are there any related policies/functions? If so what are they?  | Home to School Transport Policy, Social Care Transport Policy  |
| 1.5   | Screening carried out by  | Paul Young and Darius Mason  |
| 1.6   | Date of screening   | 20/08/2007   |
| 1.7   | What is the policy or function trying to achieve?   | Appropriate forms of transport provided to clients based on specific need and eligibility.   |
| 1.8   | What are the specific outcome measures?   | Appropriate transport provided that is efficient, cost effective and provides a quality service to clients.  |
| 1.9   | Who is formally responsible for ensuring the delivery of this policy/function?                          | Darius Mason, Access Team, Integrated Transport Services   |
| 1.10  | Who is responsible for leading the delivery if different from 1.9?                                      | Simon Addison, Access Team, Operations Officer   |
| 1.11  | Are there any priorities within this policy/function? If so what are they?                              | None, transport is provided in line with policy and subsequent eligibility   |
| 1.12  | Has any consultation, explicitly on the policy/function, taken place? If so who was consulted and when? | Yes, H2ST policy was consulted across directorates, educational establishments, local diocese and public groups (historically about 10yrs ago?). Social Care Transport Policy consulted with client groups, cross directorates and other interested parties (April 2006 – ongoing) |
| 1.13  | Is equality monitoring in place for this policy/function?   | Unknown  |

**Part two:** the test to see if further action is required. For the purpose of this exercise concentrate on the impact on people of differing race, sex, disability, age, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

|     |   | Yes | No | Details  |
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| 2.1 | Is there any way in which the policy/function is directly discriminatory or in breach of the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy?                               |     | X  | Eligibility to receive transport in this way is done on a criteria basis, decided upon by the client directorates for which this transport is provided. For example SEN transport is provided upon recommendation from Children's Services after their own assessment of a child's need and eligibility for transport. Likewise with A&CS they decide who receives the transport and ask us to provide this on their behalf. |
| 2.2 | Are there any barriers to people from minority groups getting the full benefit of this policy/function which have not been resolved as part of the policy/function? |     | X  | See above  |
| 2.3 | Are there any other ways the policy/function could unintentionally deliver poorer quality outcomes for individuals because they were members of a minority group?   |     | X  | See above  |
| 2.4 | Could people from minority groups reasonably believe that they would be likely to get poorer benefits from the policy/function?                                     |     | X  | See above  |



If the answer to any of these questions is yes or "could be yes" then you **must** take action. If the issue is straightforward remedy it **now** so the answer changes to no. If it cannot be remedied now or there are outstanding issues you should go on to a full EIA.

