

Equalities Impact Assessment Approval

Impact Assessment initial information

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Your name: Mark Walker

Your department: Place

Your job role: Interim Service Director

Description of what the Equality Impact Assessment is for. (Do not use acronyms or jargon so that the title is easily understood by the general public.):

This Equality Impact Assessment is to explore the potential impacts and ways to mitigate the proposal to increase the costs of school meal prices charged by the Council to schools it provides catering to.

Which document, report, Option for Change, Committee report etc. are the details set out in? (Please make sure the relevant report references this EqIA.):

Key Decision Report to the Cabinet Member for Communities on 7th September 2023, 'School Meals - Charges to Schools'

What are the aims of your proposed activity / policy? (Please keep to approximately 100 words.):

The aim of the proposed activity is to find a balanced and appropriate level to set school meal prices at which offers high quality meals to schools (and in turn their pupils), whilst recovering a reasonable level of the costs incurred by the Council in providing those meals. Inflationary pressures continue to be faced by the Service, with staffing and food costs continuing to increase. The Catering Service will not be in a position to recover all direct and indirect costs associated with delivery of some of its services in 2023-24.

Is a detailed impact assessment and consultation required?:

Yes a detailed impact assessment and consultation is required.

Impact Assessment details

Who are the main internal and external stakeholder groups that will be affected? (Please tick select all that are relevant.):

Children , Young people , Parents , Families , Schools

For information only - they will not be notified by this process - Who will be in the best position to monitor the impact? (Will usually be the person responsible for implementation of the policy / activity.) - Name:

John Hughes

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Please indicate when you would like to revisit this policy or activity.:

6 months

Please give the names of any other officers involved in undertaking the assessment

Section 1

Type the full name of the officer undertaking the assessment then click SEARCH:

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Select from the list:

John Hughes - john.hughes@nottsc.gov.uk (jh869)

Officer name:

John Hughes

Officer Email:

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Does this policy / activity
rely on, relate to or
mention any other policy?:

No

Age

Section 1

Please select one option at
a time::

Negative impact

Negative impact and how
it will be dealt with.:

It is possible that the school meal price increases may have some level of negative impact on some children and young people if their parents/guardians should decide not to buy meals as a direct result of the price increases. This assumes the school passes the price increase on to parents. Even at the new prices proposed, the meals offer good value for money for the high quality product delivered. The most vulnerable cohorts served, namely those in receipt of Free School Meals will not be financially effected by the increases and are therefore protected from them. It is not possible to predict the impact of the proposals on wider paid for' school meal take-up - however previous price increases made by the service have not significantly impacted on volumes.

Disability

Section 1

Please select one option at
a time::

Not applicable

Gender Reassignment

Section 1

Please select one option at a time::

Not applicable

Pregnancy and maternity

Section 1

Please select one option at a time::

Not applicable

Race (including origin, colour or nationality)

Section 1

Please select one option at a time::

Not applicable

Religion or belief

Section 1

Please select one option at a time::

Not applicable

Sex

Section 1

Please select one option at a time::

Not applicable

Sexual Orientation

Section 1

Please select one option at a time::

Not applicable

Marriage or Civil Partnership

Section 1

Please select one option at a time::

Not applicable

People who use different languages including British Sign Language

Section 1

Please select one option at a time::

Not applicable

Other Groups

Consultation exercise:

No consultation required

Approval actions

Approver name:

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Do you approve this impact assessment?:

Yes - this will complete the process.

Approver's comments:

Approved 5/9/23

HIDDEN - Date case submitted - for 6 month calc:

06/09/2023

HIDDEN - 6 month review date:

06/03/2024

Review Date:

06/03/2024

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