EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS (EqIAA) FORM

Name of Function under consideration:	Internal Audit and Health and Safety Team Review
Is this Function 'Major', 'Minor yet likely to have a major impact' or 'Neither'	Neither
Date(s) of completing the EqIAA:	1 October 2012 – 16 January 2013
Name and job title(s) of person(s) completing the EgIAA:	Rachel Foyle, Project Manager

SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

1. What is the main purpose of the Function?

The project is required to deliver efficiency savings that will contribute to the Service Optimisation savings target of £1.6 million by 2015/6.

2. List the main activities of the Function:

This is a project that has been set up to review:

- The management structure within the CECR Corporate Finance and Technology
 Division (and is limited to the following posts Transformation and Efficiency
 Manager, Internal Audit Manager, Insurance and Risk Manager and the
 Procurement Manager. The review will not look at management roles below those
 detailed above).
- The Health and Safety Team structure and reporting lines
- The Internal Audit Team structure
- Vacant posts in the Internal Audit Team to identify short-term savings from budget underspend.

3. Who are the main beneficiaries of the Function?

Council tax payers through efficient use of council funds and resources.

4. How is the overall success of the Function measured?

Level of savings achieved.

5. What equality monitoring systems are in place to carry out regular checks on the effects of the Function on equality groups?

HR monitors equality related information in respect of staff (see section 14 for data).

The Council workforce change procedure which has been equality impact assessed will be followed throughout.

6. What are your equality related performance indicators/measure of success for this Function?

The measures of success are that no protected characteristic group experiences unfairness or discrimination, that the process used is transparent and that each individual staff member who may need support (e.g. because they need information in Braille or large print etc.) will be proactively identified and will receive this support to ensure their full inclusion in the process.

SECTION 2 - INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT

7.

Equality Group	Negative Impact	Positive Impact	No Impact	Unsure of	Reason(s)*
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Women/Girls					The data shows
Men/Boys					there is no
Lesbians, gay men & bisexuals					disproportionate
Transgender people					negative nor
White people (including Irish people)					positive impact on any particular
Asian or Asian British people					protected
Black or Black British people					characteristic
People of mixed heritage					group.
Chinese people					
Travellers (gypsy/Roma/Irish heritage)					
People from other ethnic groups					
Physical impairment, e.g. mobility issues which mean using a wheelchair or crutches.					
Sensory impairment, e.g. blind/having a serious visual impairment, deaf/having a serious hearing impairment.					
Mental health condition, e.g. depression or schizophrenia.					
Learning disability/difficulty, e.g. Down's syndrome or dyslexia, or cognitive impairment such as autistic spectrum disorder.					
Long-standing illness or health condition, e.g. cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease or epilepsy.					
Other health problems or impairments.					
Older People					
Children and Young People					
Faith Groups					
Pregnancy & Maternity			\boxtimes		
Marriage & Civil Partnership			\boxtimes		

8. If you have indicated that there is a negative impact on any group, is that impact:				
Legal?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
Intended?	Yes 🗌	No 🗌		
Level of impact	High 🗌	Low		
No negative impact has been identified:				
9. Could you mini impact has been		egative impact - how? (Enter N/A if no negative		
Not applicable				
10. Could you impr impact has been		of the Function - how? (Enter N/A if no positive		
Not applicable				
11. If there is no evidence that the Function promotes equality of opportunity or improved relations, could it be adapted so that it does - how? (Enter N/A if appropriate).				
Not applicable				
12. Any other relev	ant notes:			
None				

SECTION 3 – CONSULTATION & RESEARCH IN RELATION TO THE EQIAA

13. What consultation has been conducted with groups and individuals from groups likely to be affected as well as staff, and what evidence has this provided about equalities impact?

Consultation has been conducted as part of this review. All staff will be included using communication methods that meet their individual needs.

14. What relevant research (data, reports, expert opinion etc.) has been conducted and what evidence has this provided about equalities impact?

Numbers of staff within scope:

Management review – 3 members of staff – # female

Details captured by HR:

white British

disabled

<u>Internal Audit restructure – 9 members of staff – # female, # male</u>

Details captured by HR:

white British

disabled flag

Health and Safety Team restructure – 4 members of staff – # female, # male

Details captured by HR:

white British

65+ group

15. What contributions does your function/activity make towards promoting community cohesion?

Not applicable

SECTION 4 - OUTCOMES

16. The evidence that has been collected under Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this form will need to feed into the decision making process regarding changes to be implemented <u>before</u> any final decisions are taken. There are four possible outcomes of this EqIAA – indicate which outcome below with the reasons and justification for this.

Outcome	Your response	Reason(s) and Justification
Outcome 1: No major change required.		The Council workforce change procedure which has been equality impact assessed will be followed throughout.
Outcome 2: Adjustments to remove barriers or to better promote equality have been identified.		
Outcome 3: Continue despite having identified potential for adverse impact or missed opportunities to promote equality.		
Outcome 4: Stop and rethink.		

17. List the actions you will take as a result of this EqIAA.

Action has been taken to ensure staff receive timely communication and that alternative options for communicating are made available.

Prior to issue of the formal consultation paper staff briefings have been provided in written format – June, July and September 2012. The briefing notes provide contact details of the project manager and ask staff to contact her if they require further information.

In addition members of the project team have attended team meetings to enable staff to verbally raise queries.

Internal Audit/ Health and Safety Team meetings – 12 June 2012 and 6 September 2012 Transformation and Efficiency Team meetings – 19 July 2012 and 26 September 2012 Insurance and Risk Management Team – no formal attendance at meetings but team manager is also project team member.

The Internal Audit and Health and Safety Team staff were all invited to attend group meetings to provide information to support the project team to develop proposals. In addition to group meetings all staff were given the opportunity to meet with a project team member on a one to one basis or provide feedback by telephone/ email.

Those managers holding positions in scope of the management restructure were met on a one to one basis by the service lead to enable them to provide feedback on proposals.

The consultation paper was issued to staff and the Trade Unions on 2 October 2012. In addition to receiving the consultation in a written report staff have been invited to contact the Project Manager or HR Business Lead if they have any queries or require further information.

Staff placed at risk following the consultation will be offered one to one formal consultation meetings.

SECTION 5 - EqIAA EVIDENCE

18. List and attach the evidence you have which shows how you have <u>systematically</u> <u>considered</u> equality impact.

Staff equalities data Workforce change procedure Consultation feedback