

Equality Impact Assessment Record

Date of EIA

March 2009

Directorate

ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES

Initial Screening Record		
Activity to be assessed	Libraries Internet Acceptable Use Policy	
What is the activity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/strategy <input type="checkbox"/> Function/procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Project <input type="checkbox"/> Review <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Organisational change	
Is it a new or existing activity?	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing	
Aim / objective / purpose of the activity – who is the activity designed to benefit/target?	<p>The purpose of the activity is to facilitate appropriate use of the Internet, particularly in relation to children. In 2008 there were 70,507 Public Computer Sessions in public libraries in Bracknell Forest.</p> <p>The activity is designed to benefit users of the Library Service.</p>	
Who is responsible for the activity?	The person responsible for this policy is: Head of Libraries and Information.	
Did Step 1: Initial Screening indicate that a full EIA was necessary?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes – full EIA completed and recorded below. <input type="checkbox"/> No – full EIA not completed therefore record ends here.	
Full EIA Record		
Who are the members of the EIA team?	Head of Libraries and Information, Community Services Manager, Support Services Manager, Stock Services Manager.	
What evidence has been found to indicate that the activity might need to be amended? (Include any consultation undertaken)	<p>Comparison with other library authorities, guidelines on Internet use provided by or on behalf of Government Agencies i.e. Department for Culture, Media and Sport.</p> <p>In 2008 there were 70,507 Public Computer Sessions in public libraries in Bracknell Forest.</p> <p>Experian survey on Library provision split by age, gender, ethnicity done in January 2008 shows the proportion of library users from all minority ethnic backgrounds is either the same as or more than the minority ethnic profile of the population as a whole.</p> <p>The library card, e+ card collects data where given. There are currently 46,990 library card users of which 82% declined to give detail on Ethnic Origin, of the 18%, 92% were white and 8% were of Ethnic origin. 93% responded on gender with 60% female, 40% male. On age, 99% responded with 1-19 24%, 20-29 12%, 30-39 17%, 40-49 16%, 50-59 10%, 60-69 11% and 70+ 10%. These numbers are broadly in line with the population.</p>	
With regard to the equalities themes, which groups might be impacted by the activity? Might any of these groups be impacted adversely ?	Groups Impacted	Groups impacted adversely
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race and ethnicity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/> Race and ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Gender <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Religion or belief
What evidence is there to suggest an impact/adverse impact?	Children under 15 are required to get their parent, carer or guardian's permission to use the Internet in Bracknell Forest's libraries.	
On what grounds can impact or adverse impact be	Protection for the on-line safety of a minor.	

justified?	
Is there any current action that addresses issues for any of the groups impacted/adversely impacted?	A library representative is a member of the Council's e-safety group which is part of the safeguarding duty.
What changes will you make to the activity reduce or remove any differential/adverse impact?	None
Into which action plan/s will these actions be incorporated?	No action needed.
Who is responsible for the action plan?	Chief Officer: Leisure & Culture, Environment, Culture & Communities
Have any examples of good practise been identified as part of the EIA?	No
Has the EIA been published on the Council website?	Yes – this is a review of the EIA produced in March 2006.
Who is the relevant Chief Officer and have they signed off the EIA?	Mark Devon, Chief Officer: Leisure & Culture, Environment, Culture & Communities
Which PMR will this EIA be reported in?	Q1 2009/10