

Equality Analysis

Birmingham City Council Analysis Report

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| EA Name | Compulsory Purchase Order - Empty Properties |
| Directorate | Place |
| Service Area | Housing Transformation - Place |
| Type | New/Proposed Function |
| EA Summary | This assessment shows that the proposed Compulsory Purchase of long term empty private properties is supported within the Council's existing Empty Property Strategy and supports policies for increasing housing supply to meet demand. |
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Introduction

The report records the information that has been submitted for this equality analysis in the following format.

Overall Purpose

This section identifies the purpose of the Policy and which types of individual it affects. It also identifies which equality strands are affected by either a positive or negative differential impact.

Relevant Protected Characteristics

For each of the identified relevant protected characteristics there are three sections which will have been completed.

- Impact
- Consultation
- Additional Work

If the assessment has raised any issues to be addressed there will also be an action planning section.

The following pages record the answers to the assessment questions with optional comments included by the assessor to clarify or explain any of the answers given or relevant issues.

1 Activity Type

The activity has been identified as a New/Proposed Function.

2 Overall Purpose

2.1 What the Activity is for

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| What is the purpose of this Function and expected outcomes? | This proposal is to take CPO action on long term empty properties in private ownership which are causing a nuisance in local neighbourhoods, attracting vandalism and fly tipping and could be used to to provide new homes to help meet housing need in the city. |
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For each strategy, please decide whether it is going to be significantly aided by the Function.

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| Public Service Excellence | No |
| A Fair City | Yes |
| A Prosperous City | Yes |
| A Democratic City | Yes |

2.2 Individuals affected by the policy

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| Will the policy have an impact on service users/stakeholders? | Yes |
| Will the policy have an impact on employees? | No |
| Will the policy have an impact on wider community? | Yes |

2.3 Analysis on Initial Assessment

Bringing private sector long term empty properties back into use will help local residents in the immediate area feel more secure and not have to suffer blight from derelict properties or fly tipping and vandalism of the empty property. This will benefit all stakeholders across all protected groups

The CPO of long term empty homes will encourage other owners to ensure they bring properties back into use which will benefit all communities in the city, those people looking for suitable housing, agencies working with people in housing need and agencies looking to help regenerate neighbourhoods

3 Concluding Statement on Full Assessment

This proposal to CPO long term empty properties is not seen to be discriminating against any protected group but may benefit protected groups by providing new housing opportunities for those in need and to improve local neighbourhoods

4 Review Date

01/06/17

5 Action Plan

There are no relevant issues, so no action plans are currently required.