

Title of proposed EIA	Empty Property Strategy 2019 to 2024
Reference No	EQUA272
EA is in support of	New Strategy
Review Frequency	Two Years
Date of first review	10/03/2021
Directorate	Place
Division	Housing
Service Area	Private Rented Sector
Responsible Officer(s)	Karl Robinson
Quality Control Officer(s)	Rehana Kosar
Accountable Officer(s)	Jim Crawshaw
Purpose of proposal	Equality assessment on Empty Property Strategy 2019
What sources of data have been used to produce the screening of this policy/proposal?	Consultation Results; relevant reports/strategies; relevant research
Please include any other sources of data	Empty Property Strategy 2019-2024 consultation carried out on Be Heard. We consulted with a range of stakeholders such as landlords, tenants and providers. We received 31 responses from the survey with most people in support of the strategy. There were few negative comments and most were related to our current response times for dealing with general PRS issues. We received detailed feedback from a university and from St basils.

PLEASE ASSESS THE
POTENTIAL IMPACT
ON THE FOLLOWING
PROTECTED
CHARACTERISTICS

Protected
characteristic: Age Not Applicable

Age details:

Protected
characteristic: Disability Not Applicable

Disability details:

Protected
characteristic: Gender Not Applicable

Gender details:

Protected
characteristics: Gender Not Applicable

Reassignment

Gender reassignment Not Applicable
details:

Protected

characteristics:

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Not Applicable

Marriage and civil partnership details:

Protected characteristics:

Pregnancy and Maternity

Not Applicable

Pregnancy and maternity details:

Protected

characteristics: Race

Not Applicable

Race details:

Protected

characteristics: Religion or Beliefs

Not Applicable

Religion or beliefs details:

Protected

characteristics: Sexual Orientation

Not Applicable

Sexual orientation details:

Please indicate any actions arising from completing this screening exercise.

There are no actions required from initial screening.

Given the common reasons for Empty Properties, we must consider equality impact on each individual case and our approach to supporting the landlord or in enforcement action. There are a range of issues that could impact a specific client group to a greater degree when dealing with empty properties including:

- Owners in hospital or residential care
- Owner lacks the personal ability to deal with the property
- Mental health issues

The service works with the client to ascertain their communication and support needs to ensure we have the best chance of a successful outcome, reducing the likelihood of enforcement. Through understanding their needs we work to encourage a positive outcome. We will work with family/ carers and support workers to ensure the process is fully understood and we engage effectively.

Please indicate whether NO a full impact assessment is recommended

What data has been collected to facilitate the assessment of this policy/proposal?

Consultation analysis
Adverse impact on any people with protected characteristics.

Could the policy/proposal be modified to reduce or eliminate any adverse impact on any particular group(s)?

How will the effect(s) of this policy/proposal on equality be monitored?

What data is required in the future to ensure effective monitoring of this policy/proposal?

Are there any adverse impacts on any particular group(s) ☐ No

If yes, please explain your reasons for going ahead.

Initial equality impact assessment of your proposal

Consulted People or Groups

Informed People or Groups

Summary and evidence of findings from your EIA ☐ Not applicable

QUALITY CONTROL SECTION

Submit to the Quality Control Officer for reviewing? No

Quality Control Officer comments Thanks for submitting this EIA.

Decision by Quality Control Officer We have quality checked this EA and are satisfied to submit this to the Accountable Officer for a final quality review.
Proceed for final approval

Submit draft to Accountable Officer? No

Decision by Accountable Officer Approve

Date approved / rejected by the Accountable Officer 12/03/2019