

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](#)
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 Officer(s)
 Accountable Officer(s) [Jim Crawshaw](#)
 Purpose of proposal Equality assessment on Empty Property Strategy 2019
 What sources of data Consultation Results; relevant reports/strategies; relevant research
 have been used to
 produce the screening
 of this policy/proposal?

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

EIA

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