

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Name of activity:	Enforcement Policy for Environmental Health, Private Sector Housing, Licensing and Cleansing	Date Completed:	22 nd November 2021
Directorate / Division responsible for activity:	Place/Technical Services	Lead Officer:	Nat Slade/Louise Crane
Existing Activity	Y	New / Proposed Activity	N
		Changing / Updated Activity	Y

What are the aims / main purposes of the activity?

To update and amend the existing enforcement policy for Environmental Health, Private Sector Housing, Licensing and Cleansing.

What are the main actions and processes involved?

To include Civil penalties for offences under:

- a) The Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015
- b) The Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) Regulations 2020
- c) The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015

To provide greater clarity and guidance when considering civil financial penalties as an alternative to prosecution.

Who is intended to benefit & who are the main stakeholders?

All residents, businesses and visitors to the Arun District could potentially benefit from this activity.

The policy outlines the principles of enforcement, the enforcement options available and the process and procedures in place to ensure effective enforcement is undertaken in a fair, consistent and transparent way. Through our enforcement activity, we seek to ensure that minimum standards prescribed by law are achieved by individuals and businesses who have legal responsibilities to protect and enhance public health and the environment

Have you already consulted on / researched the activity?

Consultation has been undertaken internally with a range of services who carryout enforcement responsibilities as well as obtaining feedback and comment from

Legal Services.

Impact on people with a protected characteristic (What is the potential impact of the activity? Are the impacts high, medium or low?)		
Protected characteristics / groups	Is there an impact (Yes / No)	If Yes, what is it and identify whether it is positive or negative
Age (older / younger people, children)	No	
Disability (people with physical / sensory impairment or mental disability)	No	
Gender reassignment (the process of transitioning from one gender to another.)	No	
Marriage & civil partnership (Marriage is defined as a 'union between a man and a woman'. Civil partnerships are legally recognized for same-sex couples)	No	
Pregnancy & maternity (Pregnancy is the condition of being pregnant & maternity refers to the period after the birth)	No	
Race (ethnicity, colour, nationality or national origins & including gypsies, travellers, refugees & asylum seekers)	No	
Religion & belief (religious faith or other group with a recognised belief)	No	

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Sex (male / female)	No	
Sexual orientation (lesbian, gay, bisexual, heterosexual)	No	
Whilst Socio economic disadvantage that people may face is not a protected characteristic; the potential impact on this group should be also considered	No	

What evidence has been used to assess the likely impacts?
Experience of delivering this activity and researching good practise from other local authorities.

Decision following initial assessment			
Continue with existing or introduce new / planned activity	Y	Amend activity based on identified actions	N

Action Plan			
Impact identified	Action required	Lead Officer	Deadline

Monitoring & Review

Date of last review or Impact Assessment:	
Date of next 12 month review:	
Date of next 3 year Impact Assessment (from the date of this EIA):	

Date EIA completed:	22/11/21
Signed by Person Completing:	Louise Crane