

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Name of activity:	Economic Committee Report regarding the Installation of additional Beach Huts in Littlehampton, West Sussex.	Date Completed:	8 th March 2022
Directorate / Division responsible for activity:	Place / Technical Services	Lead Officer:	Paul Broggi
Existing Activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	New / Proposed Activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Changing / Updated Activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

What are the aims / main purposes of the activity?

The installation of 17 new beach huts located upon the shingle to the seafront in Littlehampton adjacent and in between existing beach huts already in place.

What are the main actions and processes involved?

New bases will need to be constructed on site upon which the beach huts can be installed. The beach huts are manufactured off site and delivered to site where they are installed.

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

On completion the newly installed beach huts will be offered under three year lease to customers that are on the Council's closed waiting list. These customers will all be resident within the Arun district in accordance with the Council's policy.

Have you already consulted on / researched the activity?

The Property & Estates team currently manage the Council's existing beach hut service which possess 242 beach huts, 150 of which are privately owned with the remaining 92 being Council owned and leased.

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)	Yes / No	
<p>Disability (people with physical / sensory impairment or mental disability)</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>	<p>The beach butts are built to a standard size and specification and this is required in order to fit into the existing layout adopted on site.</p> <p>The Council are concerned that the 17 beach huts proposed for installation within this report are unable to accommodate wheelchair use. Being located upon shingle that is subject to regular movement and sea over-wash in the most extreme weather conditions makes this a very challenging aspect of service provision. For these reasons the location of these 17 beach huts is not considered suitable for the installation of wheelchair accessible beach huts. This current proposed scheme is a small project and the Council is looking to install more beach huts in Littlehampton and other areas of the district to meet known service demand. Property & Estates will be working on identifying these locations.</p> <p>Part of this exercise will be looking at the feasibility of siting beach huts in a location where they can be readily and easily accessed via hard standing by wheelchair users. It is felt that an alternative location other than the shingle, but still close to and connected with the beach / sea, would deliver a more suitable and sustainable alternative.</p> <p>Part of this future project will involve the Council requiring suppliers to submit a proportion of their composite beach huts to a design that accommodates wheelchair use. Examples of potential design changes include door width / weight, level access / ramp facilities, adjustable height worktop internally as well as larger space to provide suitable turning circle room.</p> <p>The Council previously worked with a manufacturer to design and produce this new style of hut. Accessible beach huts will clearly need to be a different size / design and so will require a manufacturer to design and gear up for unit production including different composite sheet manufacture. This will require additional work and time to conclude, and for Property & Estates to engage with the market to allow manufacturers time to design a suitable product.</p> <p>It is the Council's intention to submit a report to the Economy Committee within the next 12 months. This report will look to address provision of additional beach huts, a proportion of which will be wheelchair accessible. These huts will need to be in appropriate positions to afford ease of access. The Council will look to consult potential beach hut customers held upon its closed</p>

		waiting list to identify the number requiring accessible facilities to inform the next beach hut installation project.
Gender reassignment (the process of transitioning from one gender to another.)	Yes / 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)	Yes / No	
Pregnancy & maternity (Pregnancy is the condition of being pregnant & maternity refers to the period after the birth)	Yes/ No	
Race (ethnicity, colour, nationality or national origins & including gypsies, travellers, refugees & asylum seekers)	Yes / No	
Religion & belief (religious faith or other group with a recognised belief system)	Yes / No	
Sex (male / female)	Yes / No	
Sexual orientation (lesbian, gay, bisexual, heterosexual)	Yes / No	
Whilst Socio economic disadvantage that people may face is not a protected characteristic; the potential impact on this group should be also considered	Yes / No	

What evidence has been used to assess the likely impacts?

There is nothing as far as can be reasonably considered that reacts positively or negatively to the Installation of additional Beach Huts in Littlehampton, West Sussex. In respect of provision of accessible beach huts this is a matter the Council will be considering under further provision once a suitable location is identified affording sound level hard surface access.

Decision following initial assessment

Continue with existing or introduce new / planned activity	Yes / No	Amend activity based on identified actions	Yes / No
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Action Plan

Impact identified	Action required	Lead Officer	Deadline
none	none		

Monitoring & Review

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

Date EIA completed:	8 th March 2022
Signed by Person Completing:	Paul Broggi – Property, Estates & Facilities Manager