

KCC - Growth, Environment and Transport Directorate (GET).

Equality Analysis / Impact Assessment (EqIA) template

Name of decision, policy, procedure, project or service:

Kent Strategic Transport Model Support & Development Commission

Brief description of policy, procedure, project or service

A Multimodal Strategic Transport Model is being constructed for the County Council and work is underway to set up a support and scenario testing service to enable the future use of the model by KCC, by our district and borough partners and by developers. This service will be operated on behalf of the County Council by establishing a strategic partnership with a specialist transport modelling consultancy. The service contract will allow work to be undertaken on a 'call off' basis as and when required by KCC (subject to budgets) and by other public or private sector organisations in Kent. Income received from running the service will be used to maintain the model and to contribute to its future development.

Aims and Objectives

The building of the Kent-wide model provides the County Council with a huge opportunity to better inform long term transport planning decision taking by providing a readily available evidence base. It is proposed to award a contract to a consultant to maintain and develop the Kent Transport Model and to run a scenario testing service on behalf of the County Council. The model will be able to be used for a wide range of tasks including option testing of land use scenarios and providing the transport and emissions evidence base for Local Plans; transport infrastructure scheme identification; option testing for network management measures and analysis to help build business cases for bids for external funding.

JUDGEMENT

- **No major change** - no potential for discrimination and all opportunities to promote equality have been taken

The appointment of a consultant to maintain and develop the Kent Strategic Transport Model and to run a scenario testing service on behalf of the County Council transport modelling will provide a numerical evidence base including traffic flows, trips, congestion

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hotspots, road casualties, vehicle emissions data and scheme economics information to assist the County Council and its district and borough council partners and Kent developers with decision taking. Until new policies or schemes are developed, and we do not yet know what they might be, there will be no negative impacts on the Protected Characteristics. Once these policies and schemes are developed and consulted upon, such as for a new Local Plan or a road improvement scheme, each have their own individual EQIAs and will be able to be assessed in terms of their impact on equalities.

I have found the Adverse Equality Impact Rating to be Low. There is no adverse rating of this service commission.

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Revision History

Version	Date	Authors	Comment
V0.1	29/06/20	Terrie Coake	First Draft
V1	19/10/20	David Joyner	Updated for publishing with report to E&TCC
V1 (this should be assigned to the version the Director signs off)			

Document Sign-Off (this must be both the relevant Head of Service and the relevant Director)

Attestation

I have read and paid due regard to the Equality Analysis/Impact Assessment. I agree with the actions to mitigate any adverse impact(s) that has /have been identified.

Name	Signature	Title	Date of Issue
Tim Read		Head of Transportation	19/10/20

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Simon Jones		Director	20/10/20
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Part 1 - Screening

Regarding the decision, policy, procedure, project or service under consideration,

Could this policy, procedure, project or service, or any proposed changes to it, affect any Protected Group (listed below) less favourably (negatively) than others in Kent?

Could this policy, procedure, project or service promote equal opportunities for this group?

Please note that there is no justification for direct discrimination; and indirect discrimination will need to be justified according to the legal requirements

Protected Group	You MUST provide a brief commentary as to your findings, or this EqIA will be returned to you unsigned			High/Medium/Low Favourable Impact
	High Negative Impact	Medium Negative Impact	Low Negative Impact	
Age	None	None	None	It is intended that use of the transport model will lead to schemes and measures to improve land use and transport planning, generating investment in new infrastructure, reduced congestion, improved network resilience, air quality and road safety.
Disability	None	None	As above	As above
Sex	None	None	None	None

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Gender identity/ Transgender	None	None	None	None
Race	None	None	None	None
Religion and Belief	None	None	None	None
Sexual Orientation	None	None	None	None
Pregnancy and Maternity	None	None	None	None
Marriage and Civil Partnerships	None	None	None	None
Carer's Responsibilities	None	None	None	As above