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Equality Impact Assessment

Ipswich Borough Council (16 Churchill Avenue, Ipswich, IP4 5DR) Compulsory Purchase Order

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What is the report trying to achieve?:

- To progress the CPO by negotiating with the owner of the property with a view to purchasing the property by agreement instead of a CPO.
- Any financial agreement, whether voluntary sale or submission of the CPO to the Secretary of State for confirmation, will only be finalised upon a further executive report being submitted detailing cost implications and the Executive agreeing to it.

What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis?:

Enforcement process

Supporting documents (if available):

Is there potential for positive or negative impact on any of the protected characteristics?

- **Age:** *No Impact*
- **Disability:** *No Impact*
- **Marriage & Civil Partnership:** *No Impact*
- **Race:** *No Impact*
- **Pregnancy & Maternity:** *No Impact*
- **Religion or Belief:** *No Impact*
- **Gender Reassignment:** *No Impact*
- **Sex:** *No Impact*
- **Sexual Orientation:** *No Impact*

If 'No Impact' explain why

This is not about the person but about how the property is effecting the local community. Evidence has been gathered through the CPO enforcement/consideration process i.e. firstly whether the property has been empty for 12 months or more, finding out reasons why it's empty and whether the Council can assist in helping the owner get the property back into use. Consideration is taken into why a property is left empty i.e. are they in care etc. Sometimes little is known about the freeholder if they choice not to engage. In what the Council knows, this owner does not fall into any protected characteristics.

If you have identified any negative impacts (above) how can they be minimised or removed?

None

The report helps us to 'eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment & victimisation' in the following way(s):

Empty Properties are only considered when they have been empty for 12 mths or more and meet legislation criteria.

All freeholders are contacted informally to see why the property is empty to see if the Council can assist them in any way to help return the property back into use in a fair and consistent manner as little is known about the freeholder.

All freeholders are given the opportunity to explain the reason in why their property is empty overly long periods of time i.e. months and years and their reasons are considered.

The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s): The freeholder is given the opportunity to engage with the Council and work together to get the property back into use via assistance if they wish.

Consideration is given when progressing an Empty Home when the freeholder is being impacted and when it is unreasonable to progress i.e. the freeholder may have been taken into care for example and returning to their home may not be known

The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s): All freeholders are contacted informally to see why the property is empty to see if the Council can assist them in any way to help return the property back into use in a fair and consistent manner as little is known about the freeholder.

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The Council offers assistance to the freeholder such as grants available, schemes and discounts to other agencies.