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Title of report: housing assistance policy

Report : the report updates the councils housing assistance policy with the aim of making it easier for people with disabilities to access grants by widening the number of professional who can make referrals for a grant and by expanding the eligibility criteria so more people with disabilities can adapt their homes to live as independently as possible

What evidence/data is being used to support this equality analysis? Please select all that apply.:

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Links to supporting documents where available:

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What is proposed?: make accessing disabled facilities grants less bureaucratic by simplifying the application process, open them up to more people than statutory grants and increase the conditions which grants can be offered for above the statutory limitations

Why are the changes being introduced?: to improve quality of life for people with disabilities and their families and carers and to help reduce hospital admissions

What evidence is being used to support this Equality Impact Assessment, and how is it being used?: Foundations DFG review 2018 and adaptations with out delay

How will this change be implemented?: partners will be informed and a comms plan developed and implemented

Age: Positive

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or

further promote positive impact.: more grants will be available to older people whose independence can reduce with age. increased grant levels will improve properties for people with disabilities for people of all ages

Disability: Positive

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: this policy improves access to grants for more people by amending the eligibility criteria to everyone with a disability based on the assessed need from a professional such as doctor than the statutory grants programme

Marriage & Civil Partnership: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: access to grants is not restricted by marital/partnership status

Race: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: access to grants is not restricted by race

Pregnancy & Maternity: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: access to grants is not restricted by pregnancy or maternity

Religion or Belief: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: access to grants is not restricted by religion or belief

Gender Reassignment: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: access to grants is not restricted by gender reassignment

Sex: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: access to grants is not restricted by sex

Sexual Orientation: No impact

Please provide an explanation of this impact and actions to mitigate any adverse impact, or further promote positive impact.: access to grants is not restricted by sexual orientation

I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives: I can confirm the report does meet Ipswich Borough Council's equality objectives

The report helps us to 'eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment & victimisation' in the following way(s): by promoting independence to enable people to live within their community

The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s): † enables people to live within their homes as independently as possible

The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s):y promoting independence to enable people to live within their community

The new provisions will be reviewed in the following way(s):the policy will be reviewed every three years and performance will be reviewed monthly
