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Equality Impact Assessment

Discretionary Housing Payments Policy and Procedures Nov 2015, v 5.2

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Title of report: Discretionary Housing Payments Policy and Procedures Nov 2015, v 5.2

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What is the report trying to achieve?:

Fair use of/distribution of the cash-limited Discretionary Housing Payment budget

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

Customers complaints/comments, Information from statutory partners (e.g police), Information from voluntary & community sector (e.g ISCRE, ICVS), Published data - e.g Census, State of Ipswich report

Supporting documents (if available):

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

- **Age:** Positive

- **Disability:** *Positive*
- **Marriage & Civil Partnership:** *Positive*
- **Race:** *Positive*
- **Pregnancy & Maternity:** *Positive*
- **Religion or Belief:** *Positive*
- **Gender Reassignment:** *Positive*
- **Sex:** *Positive*
- **Sexual Orientation:** *Positive*

If 'No Impact' explain why

N/a

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

N/a

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

Enabling claimants of Housing Benefit to afford to live in and/or move to suitable properties in accordance with their disabilities or other restrictions

The report helps us to 'advance equality of opportunity...' in the following way(s):

Providing stability to households who may otherwise have to move to/remain in unsuitable accommodation as regards their disability or other needs

The policy helps us to 'foster good relations...' in the following way(s): Enabling families with disabilities to live in suitable accommodation - enabling a stable family life.