

Template for Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan			
Coverage:	Crosscutting			
This is a decision relating to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Process/procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Review
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisational change	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)		
It is a:	New approach:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revision of an existing approach:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
It is driven by:	Legislation:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local or corporate requirements:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Description:	<p>Key aims, objectives and activities To assess the impact of proceeding with the adoption of the Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Statutory drivers The Council does not have a statutory obligation to provide digital inclusion support, however due to the intrinsic link between lack of digital access and issues of multiple deprivation factors, the DISP will contribute towards the Council’s duties (among others) under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 to “safeguard and promote the welfare of children within their area who are in need; and so far as is consistent with that duty, to promote the upbringing of such children by their families, by providing a range and level of services appropriate to those children's needs.”; plus Section 45 of the Health Service and Public Health Act 1968, to “make provision for the promotion of the welfare of old people.”</p> <p>Differences from any previous approach Current and previous digital inclusion schemes have operated in silos within Council directorates and partner agencies. The Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan will provide a sound basis of priority objectives upon which to prepare coordinated actions relating to addressing digital exclusion, and will set out a new strategic approach for maximising the benefits to our communities.</p> <p>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate) The key stakeholders are: the Council; Local Community; and local strategic partners.</p> <p>Intended outcomes. To seek the adoption of the Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan.</p>			
Live date:	The Executive will consider the Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan on 7th December 2021.			

Lifespan:	Until replaced by a future plan.
Date of next review:	November 2022

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
<p>Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?*</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan has been prepared by a cross-directorate governance board of directors, in consultation with key stakeholders and digital experts. The emerging action plan will be prepared in accordance with the legislation, national policy and local consultation standards, and will provide opportunities for all sectors of the community to benefit from improved digital access.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the report will have an adverse impact on individuals in terms of human rights.</p>
<p>Equality Could the decision result in adverse differential impacts on groups or individuals with characteristics protected in UK equality law? Could the decision impact differently on other commonly disadvantaged groups?*</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan has been prepared by a cross-directorate governance board of directors, in consultation with key stakeholders and digital experts. The emerging action plan will be prepared in accordance with the legislation, national policy and local consultation standards, and will provide opportunities for all sectors of the community to benefit from improved digital access.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the report will have an adverse impact on different groups or individuals in terms of equality.</p>
<p>Community cohesion Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?*</p>	☒	☐	☐	<p>The Digital Inclusion Strategic Plan has been prepared by a cross-directorate governance board of directors, in consultation with key stakeholders and digital experts. The emerging action plan will be prepared in accordance with the legislation, national policy and local consultation standards, and will provide opportunities for all sectors of the community to benefit from improved digital access.</p> <p>In light of the above, it is not considered that the report will have an adverse impact on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town.</p>

* Consult the Impact Assessment further guidance appendix for details on the issues covered by each of these broad questions prior to completion.

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<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed. ➤ If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed. 		

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