

Template for Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Proposed service delivery model and associated subsidised charges for Residential Pest Control - Executive Report			
Coverage:	To cover the proposed residential pest control service within Middlesbrough			
This is a decision relating to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Function
	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
It is driven by:	Legislation:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local or corporate requirements:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<p>Description:</p>	<p><u>Key aims, objectives and activities</u></p> <p>To provide a subsidised residential Pest Control Service across Middlesbrough ensuring that the service is affordable for members of the public whilst also being sustainable in terms of future delivery. This is in response to the allocation of £90,000 at the Full Council meeting held on 23rd February 2022 specifically for a subsidised residential pest control service.</p> <p>An operational team would be established in order to implement the service and that a subsidised fee is set at £15 per visit which is in line with other Local Authority charging and approx. 50% less than private sector. It is also proposed that the £15 fee is paid prior to any home visit.</p> <p>The report sets out the proposed management approach within Middlesbrough that aligns to the allocated funding, ensuring fit with Council aims, objectives and policies.</p> <p><u>Statutory drivers (set out exact reference)</u></p> <p>NA</p> <p><u>Differences from any previous approach</u></p> <p>Middlesbrough Council do not currently offer a residential pest control service however they did in 2017/18 and the charging fee is set at the same level. The Council do offer a commercial pest control service and this will continue to run separately to the residential service provision.</p> <p><u>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate)</u></p> <p>All Elected Members who represent their constituents. Residents of Middlesbrough (Excluding Thirteen tenants who already offer a residential pest control service)</p> <p><u>Intended outcomes.</u></p> <p>To meet a growing demand for a residential pest control service across Middlesbrough</p> <p>As a consequence of changing climate and milder winters there has been an increase in rodent activity both nationally and locally increasing the need for Pest Control across Middlesbrough. Coupled with this has been the impact of the Covid 19 restrictions which has led to more people being at home, generating more waste and spending more time in their gardens putting up bird feeders, both of these factors have caused an increase in rodent activity within domestic properties.</p>
<p>Live date:</p>	<p>2022</p>
<p>Lifespan:</p>	<p>It is anticipated that his service will be required for the foreseeable future. Fees will be reviewed in 12 months</p>
<p>Date of next review:</p>	<p>April 2023</p>

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is a service that is offered to all residents that do not currently receive a comparable offer from their housing provider. i.e. Thirteen tenants are already offered a service Evidence used to inform this assessment includes analysis of the Human Rights Act 1998.
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?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) requires that when exercising its functions the Councils must have due regard to the need to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act; advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. In having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity, the Council must consider, as part of a single equality duty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic; taking steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it; and; encouraging people who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation is low.
				The projects within this programme aim to improve access to services and community facilities. The Council is bound by legislation, which includes ensuring that those with physical and learning disabilities, and inhibited mobility are not detrimentally impacted upon. Therefore, there are no concerns that this will impact adversely upon equality. Evidence used to inform this assessment includes analysis of statutory guidance in relation to accessibility, including the Access for All legislation
Community cohesion Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no evidence to suggest that this will impact negatively upon relationships between different community groups.

* 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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