

**Template for Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment**

<b>Subject of assessment:</b>	Residential Pest Control Service			
<b>Coverage:</b>	Service-specific – Environment Services			
<b>This is a decision relating to:</b>	<input 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)		
<b>It is a:</b>	<b>New approach:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Revision of an existing approach:</b>	X <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>It is driven by:</b>	<b>Strategic Priority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Local or corporate requirements:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p><b>Description:</b></p>	<p><b>Description, key aims, objectives and activities:</b></p> <p>To implement a Residential Pest Control Service.</p> <p><b>Statutory driver:</b></p> <p>A Residential Pest Control Service will improve public health and quality of life by preventing infestations, protecting vulnerable residents, reducing long-term environmental health risks and costs, and giving the council greater control, accountability, and value for money in managing pests across communities.</p> <p>It was approved within the Council’s budget setting report of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to establish a Residential Pest Control Service as this will enable the Council to extend the current pest control service beyond back alleys and open spaces. This growth will support an expanded pest control offer, focused on key public-health pests including rats, mice, bedbugs, and cockroaches.</p> <p><b>Difference from any previous approach:</b></p> <p>The Council currently provides a commercial pest control service, and the new service will implement a domestic pest control service that is available to residents. The Residential Pest Control Service will deliver safe, effective, and legally compliant domestic pest control services. The service would address root causes through Integrated Pest Management (IPM) - hygiene, proofing, habitat modification, and provide targeted treatments.</p> <p><b>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries:</b></p> <p>Residents in across the town.</p> <p><b>Intended outcomes:</b></p> <p>The service would specifically provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pest Types:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A free of charge pest control service for rats, mice, bed bugs and cockroaches.</li> <li>○ A chargeable service for other pest types, in line with current costs displayed on the website.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Service Areas:</b> Internal and external domestic premises, including garden areas, outbuildings, lofts, basements, garages, bin stores, and shared access ways.</li> <li>• <b>Client Groups:</b> Homeowners, residents in private rented accommodations. The service would not be provided to social housing tenants. Social landlords / Estates have their own arrangements in place for pests.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Live date:</b></p>	<p>When will this be implemented? – estimated July 2026 go live.</p>
<p><b>Lifespan:</b></p>	<p>Between which dates will this apply? – July 2026 and ongoing.</p>
<p><b>Date of next review:</b></p>	<p><a href="#">When will the next review be undertaken? State any triggers for early review.</a> N/A</p>

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
<b>Human Rights</b> Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?*	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable.
<b>Equality</b> 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?*	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable.
<b>Community cohesion</b> Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?*	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable.
<b>Next steps:</b> ➡ 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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<b>Date:</b>	09/03/2026	<b>Date:</b>	09/03/2026

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