

Introduction

This document sets out the draft Equality Impact Assessments which have been prepared for those proposals which have been assessed as having a material impact on service users. It should be read alongside the proposals for service change, income generation and efficiencies which are included in the draft Revenue Budget Digest.

An Equality Impact Assessment is a mechanism which helps the council to determine the impact of its proposals. It is particularly useful for determining how proposals will affect groups or communities who experience inequality, discrimination, social exclusion or disadvantage.

Although the Equality Act 2010 does not impose a specific requirement to undertake paper based Equality Impact Assessments, the Council believes this is important to demonstrate that equality consequences of proposals have been considered and ensure that where possible, impacts are eliminated, minimised or counter balanced by other measures.

These will be updated once the consultation process is completed and before any final decision on the proposal is made.

An eight week consultation on the budget proposals, both for the public and partner organisations, will be undertaken between 23 October and 15 December 2017 so as much feedback as possible can be gathered. The consultation questionnaire will be available at www.torbay.gov.uk/consultation by 30 October 2017. Paper copies are available at all Torbay Libraries and the Harbour offices. Focussed consultation will take place on proposals where individual service users or organisations are expected to be significantly affected.

In addition, the Mayor will be a budget event on Thursday 16 December 2017 at the Riviera International Conference Centre, Torquay. It will provide an opportunity to hear about the Mayor's proposals, to ask questions and make comments. The event will start at 4.00 p.m.