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## Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation

### Introductory Information

**Reference number**

959

**Budget/project proposal name**

Approval of new HMO Licensing standards

**Entered on Q Tier**
 Yes  No

**Budget/project proposal status**

Project

**Years**

12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
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**EIA date**

01/09/2016

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**Lead corporate plan priority**

Thriving Neighbourhoods and Communities

### Portfolio, Service and Team

**Cross portfolio**
 Yes  No

**Communities**
 Yes  No

**Service**

Housing Services

**Team**

Private Housing Standards

**CYPF**
 Yes  No

**Place**
 Yes  No

**Resources**
 Yes  No

**PPC**

Yes  No

**Health (including Director of Public Health)**

Yes  No

**Brief aim(s) of the proposal and the outcome(s) you want to achieve**

To approve revised standards for licensable HMOs part of which will also be used as overcrowding standards for non-licensable HMOs in Sheffield. This is a local set of standards but incorporating national minimum standards.

**Specialist Provision****Proposal impacts on or relates to specialist provision**

Yes  No

**Poverty (Financial Inclusion)****Proposal has an impact on poverty or financial inclusion**

Yes  No

**Health****Proposal has significant impact on health and well-being (including effects on the wider determinants of health)**

Yes  No

**Public Health Leads has signed off the health impact(s) of this EIA**

Yes  No

**Health lead**

Select...

**Age****Staffing**

Yes  No

**Customers**

Yes  No

**Disability****Staffing**

Yes  No

**Customers**

Yes  No

**Pregnancy/maternity****Staffing**

Yes  No

#### Customers

Yes  No

#### Race

##### Staffing

Yes  No

##### Customers

Yes  No

##### Impact

Neutral

##### Level

None/Low

##### Details on impact

The standards increase floor space standards for singles sharing rooms and make it a requirement for people to agree to room share. This happens most in Asylum Seeker properties and amongst the Chinese student community. The standards will apply to new licences (and variations to existing licences) and any existing overoccupancy will be allowed to continue until the existing occupancy has come to the end of their tenancy.

##### Supporting evidence

##### Action plan

Yes  No

#### Religion/belief

##### Staffing

Yes  No

##### Customers

Yes  No

#### Sex

##### Staffing

Yes  No

##### Customers

Yes  No

#### Sexual Orientation

##### Staffing

Yes  No

##### Customers

Yes  No

#### Transgender

**Staffing**

Yes  No

**Customers**

Yes  No

**Carers**

**Staffing**

Yes  No

**Customers**

Yes  No

**Voluntary/Community & Faith Sectors**

**Staffing**

Yes  No

**Customers**

Yes  No

**Cohesion**

**Customers**

Yes  No

**Partners**

**Customers**

Yes  No

**Armed Forces**

**Staffing**

Yes  No

**Customers**

Yes  No

**Other/Additional**

**Staffing**

Yes  No

**Customers**

Yes  No

**Supporting Documentation**

HMO Standards 2016 final.doc

**Summary of Impact**

**Overall summary of possible impact**

From our experience room sharing is most common by some BME communities and asylum seekers. Rooms currently used for two singles will be prevented from such occupation when the properties next require a licence if the room sizes are too small. The Licence conditions would not lead to the eviction of any occupants as the new standard will only apply upon a change of room occupancy.

**Proposal has geographical impact across Sheffield**

Yes  No

**Which local partnership area will be impacted**

All Partnership Areas

**Proposal has a cumulative**

impact  Yes  No

**Summary of evidence**

Whilst rooms occupied by Chinese student communities are confined to student areas, asylum seeker properties are present across the City

**Review****Review date****Risk rating**

Low

**Decision Type****Type of decision**

Individual Cabinet Member

**Lead cabinet member**

Dunn Jayne (LAB CLLR)

**Staff****Staff who may be affected by these proposals are aware**

Yes  No

**Consultation****Consultation**

required  Yes  No

**Manager and Approval****Lead officer**

Rotherham Paul (NCC)

**EIA approved**

Yes  No

**EIA escalated due to significant poverty impact and** **Page 60**

Yes

No

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