

Property and Housing Services Access to Homes policy (2024)

Equality and Health Impact Assessment (EqHIA)

Document control

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Did you seek advice from the Corporate Policy & Diversity team?	NO
Did you seek advice from the Public Health team?	NO
Does the EqHIA contain any confidential or exempt information that would prevent you publishing it on the Council's website?	NO

Equality & Health Impact Assessment checklist

About your activity

1	Type of activity	Policy
2	Who will be affected by this activity	Havering Council property occupiers (tenants, leaseholders), Housing Services staff and management
3	Scope of activity	<p>This policy applies to all LBH tenants and leaseholders, LBH staff and LBH appointed contractors.</p> <p>The scope of this policy extends to properties owned or managed by LBH including all those managed on behalf of LBH.</p> <p>This policy outlines the circumstances in which a tenant or leaseholder will be required to grant access to or through their property to LBH staff, or a contractor working on our behalf. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) When LBH needs to access a home b) Resident Responsibilities c) Our process when the resident does not allow access <p>This Policy does not relate to obtaining access to properties as part of the repossession process, nor where LBH consider a property has been abandoned.</p>
4	Is this a new document for EqHIA approval?	YES
5	Does this document have the potential to impact upon people with protected characteristics as detailed herein?	YES

6	Does this document have the potential to impact upon affected people's health and wellbeing as detailed herein?	YES
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1. Age		
<i>Please tick (✓) the relevant box:</i>		Overall impact: Positive This policy does not discriminate.
Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	It will further strengthen the Health and Safety of members of this protected characteristic group, thus the overall impact on the basis of age has been assessed as positive .
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	

2. Disability		
<i>Please tick (✓) the relevant box:</i>		Overall impact: Positive This policy does not discriminate.
Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	It will further strengthen the Health and Safety of members of this protected characteristic group, thus the overall impact on the basis of disability has been assessed as positive .
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	

3. Sex/gender		
<i>Please tick (✓) the relevant box:</i>		Overall impact: Positive
Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This policy does not discriminate.
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>	It will further strengthen the Health and Safety of members of this protected characteristic group, thus the overall impact on the basis of sex/gender has been assessed as positive .
Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Evidence:
N/a.

4. Ethnicity/race		
<i>Please tick (✓) the relevant box:</i>		Overall impact: Positive
Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This policy does not discriminate.
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>	It will further strengthen the Health and Safety of members of this protected characteristic group, thus the overall impact on the basis of ethnicity/race has been assessed as positive .
Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Evidence:
N/a.

5. Religion/faith		
<i>Please tick (✓) the relevant box:</i>		Overall impact: Positive
Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This policy does not discriminate.
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>	It will further strengthen the Health and Safety of members of this protected characteristic group, thus the overall impact on the basis of religion/faith has been assessed as positive .
Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Evidence:
N/a.

6. Sexual orientation	
<i>Please tick (✓) the relevant box:</i>	
Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>
Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>

Overall impact: Positive

This policy does not discriminate.

It will further strengthen the Health and Safety of members of this protected characteristic group, thus the overall impact on the basis of sexual orientation has been assessed as **positive**.

Evidence:

N/a.

7. Gender reassignment	
<i>Please tick (✓) the relevant box:</i>	
Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>
Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>

Overall impact: Positive

This policy does not discriminate.

It will further strengthen the Health and Safety of members of this protected characteristic group, thus the overall impact on the basis of sexual orientation has been assessed as **positive**.

Evidence:

N/a.

8. Marriage/civil partnership	
<i>Please tick (✓) the relevant box:</i>	
Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>
Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>

Overall impact: Positive

This policy does not discriminate.

It will further strengthen the Health and Safety of members of this protected characteristic group, thus the overall impact on the basis of marriage/civil partnership has been assessed as **positive**.

Evidence:

N/a.

9. Pregnancy, maternity and paternity		
<i>Please tick (✓) the relevant box:</i>		Overall impact: Positive
Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This policy does not discriminate.
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>	It will further strengthen the Health and Safety of members of this protected characteristic group, thus the overall impact on the basis of pregnancy, maternity and paternity has been assessed as positive .
Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Evidence:

N/a.

Health & Wellbeing		
<i>Please tick (✓) the relevant box:</i>		Overall impact: Positive
Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Council is committed to the health, safety and well-being of Havering's residents. This policy does not discriminate.
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>	It will further strengthen the Health and Safety of members of this protected characteristic group, thus the overall impact on the basis of pregnancy, maternity and paternity has been assessed as positive .
Negative	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Do you consider that a more in-depth Health Impact Assessment is required as a result of this brief assessment? No ✓

Evidence:

N/a.

Review

This EqHIA will be reviewed in November 2027 or beforehand if:

- New, applicable legislation/regulation comes into effect, or
- New, relevant data becomes available.