

Summary Fair Treatment Assessment (FTA)

Area for Assessment:		
Name of service or function etc	A Strategy for Gypsies and Travellers in Solihull	
Which Service does this affect?	Community and Economic Regeneration - Housing Strategy	
Is this a new, existing or revised function?	To inform emerging strategy	
Summary of findings:		
Main conclusions on the likely impact of the proposed savings on different equality groups (protected characteristics):		
<p>Solihull's Sustainable Communities Strategy for 2008-18, <i>'One Borough: an Equal Chance for All'</i> sets out the shared vision for the Borough of the organisations within the Solihull Partnership. This vision is that by 2018 <i>'everyone has an equal chance to be healthier, happier, safer and prosperous'</i>. The 'Strategy for Gypsies and Travellers in Solihull' will ensure that the Borough's Gypsy and Traveller communities will share that equal chance, and reduce their social exclusion.</p> <p>To do this the Strategy needs to improve awareness of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and socio economic disadvantage within the Gypsy and Traveller communities. Both within the Central and Cecil Housing Trust 'floating' support service (housing-related support provided in the community) to Gypsies and Travellers and within the Solihull Partnership. Along with awareness of the availability of the floating support service within the Council. The needs of the community also need to be considered, through specific consultation with these groups, as part of the consultation on a 'Strategy for Gypsies and Travellers in Solihull'.</p> <p>This will require the Partnership's member agencies to be informed of the circumstances of Solihull's Gypsy and Traveller population, to understand their cultures and to take all reasonable steps to overcome barriers to the take up of services by Gypsies and Travellers.</p> <p>The new strategy and action plan will be formally launched later in 2011. This finalised strategy will take into account and build on the findings of this Fair Treatment Assessment.</p> <p>In addition as part of the new Fair Treatment Assessments, guidance has been provided around assessing the needs of the Gypsy and Travelling communities including through consultation. Where FTAs indicate the need for service adjustments these will be taken up in directorate performance plans.</p>		
Actions		
Actions identified to address negative impacts identified or to better promote equality, human rights, cohesive and sustainable communities and safeguarding issues		
Action	Outcome	Timescale
Increase awareness within the Central and Cecil Housing Trust 'floating' support service to Gypsies and Travellers and ensure that links are built with appropriate agencies.	Improve awareness of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and socio economic disadvantage.	March 2012
Include in stakeholder consultation with groups representing Gypsies and Travellers that the needs of different age groups are considered as part of the consultation on 'A Strategy for Gypsies and Travellers in Solihull.'	To improve understanding of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and socio economic disadvantage issues for the gypsy and traveller community in Solihull.	December 2011
Date Assessment Signed Off	March 2011	