Equality Impact Assessment

Annex A

EIA Title	Digital Business & Insights Programme – Replacement of the existing SAP system (Finance, HR & Payroll and Purchasing) at SCC			
Did you use the EIA Screening Tool? (Please tick or specify)	Yes (Please attach upon submission)	X	No	

1. Explaining the matter being assessed

What policy, function or service change are you assessing?	1 Intuitive didital self-service processes that are accessible		
Why does this EIA need to be completed?	The high-level changes listed above will have implications for some staff with disabilities who currently require specialist software to access Council systems including the existing SAP system. The new system will need to meet the needs of these users and be interoperable with any specialist systems used, for example systems used by the visually impaired.		
Who is affected by the proposals outlined above?	 This change will impact all Council staff including managers who currently use the existing SAP core Finance, HR, Payroll and Procurement systems and processes. This change will also impact commercial customers of Business Operations' payroll services – ie. schools including academies. The change will have no impact on residents. 		
How does your service proposal support the outcomes in the Community Vision for Surrey 2030?	This programme will implement a new system which will form a key part of the Council's business critical infrastructure, its core finance, HR, payroll and procurement processed. As such, it will provide an enabler for all Council services and will therefore contribute to all ten policy outcomes in the Community Vision for Surrey 2030.		
Are there any specific geographies in Surrey where this will make an impact? (Please tick or specify)	County Wide Elmbridge Epsom and Ewell Guildford Mole Valley	Runnymede Spelthorne Surrey Heath Tandridge Waverley	

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	Reigate and Banstead		Woking	
	Not Applicable	Х		
	County Divisions (please s	pecify	if appropriate):	
Briefly list what evidence you have gathered on the impact of your proposals?	Data on number of disabled Council users by type of specialist software (e.g. software for the visually impaired). Web Accessibility Initiative website: http://www.w3.org/WAI/people-use-web/			

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2. Service Users / Residents

There are 10 protected characteristics to consider in your proposal. These are:

- 1. Age including younger and older people
- 2. Disability
- 3. Gender reassignment
- 4. Pregnancy and maternity
- 5. Race including ethnic or national origins, colour or nationality
- 6. Religion or belief including lack of belief
- 7. Sex
- 8. Sexual orientation
- 9. Marriage/civil partnerships
- 10. Carers protected by association

This programme will upgrade or replace the existing SAP back-office system that provides the technology platform for the organisation to manage its business critical finance, HR, payroll and procurement processes. It will have no direct impact on residents and also have no positive or negative impact specifically for staff who belong to nine of the ten groups listed above or with disadvantaged socio-economic status. It has been identified that the programme will impact group two, staff with disabilities.

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3. Staff

DISABILITY

What information do you have on the affected staff with this characteristic?

There are currently circa 215 staff who use specialist software to enable them to use Council systems, including the existing SAP corporate back-office system. Current specialist software in use and the numbers of users for each include:

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Software
ABiSee EyePal
Dragon Medical Practise
Dragon Naturally Speaking
Duxbury Braille Translator
Dolphin Supernova 16
JAWS .
TextHelp Read & Write
VisionAid
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The Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) website below provides information about the wide diversity of people with disabilities and highlights some of the web accessibility barriers that people commonly experience because of inaccessible websites and web tools. Examples of disabilities include: Auditory, cognitive/learning, physical, speech and visual. http://www.w3.org/WAI/people-use-web/

Impacts	Positive	X	Negative		Both	
Impacts identif	fied	Supporting evidence	How will yo positive/minimpacts?	u maximise nimise negative	When will this be implemented by?	Owner
a-Service solution improved employ	ree and manager ance, HR, payroll	Supplier demonstrations self-service features as of formal procurement evaluation process.	s of specifying part standards as stipula Sector Bo	cil's standards for the minimum for accessibility, ted by the Public dies (Websites and oplications) (No. 2)	December 2021 (before Contract notice publication)	Andrew Richards (Programme Director)

Accessibility Regulations 2018, were included in the non-functional requirements specification within the interface / user experience section. As part of above. interoperability with existing specialist software for staff with disabilities was included as part of the requirements specification Implementation will include an effective change management approach that will include communication

disabilities

and training for staff with

What other changes is the council planning that may affect the same groups of staff? Are there any dependencies decisions makers need to be aware of

Moving Closer to Residents programme and digital transformation to a fully agile workforce working from any location. Staff with disabilities will require the ability to continue to access systems using any specialist software from any location.

Any negative impacts that cannot be mitigated? Please identify impact and explain why

N/A – No negative impacts are anticipated for disabled staff groups.

4. Amendments to the proposals

CHANGE	REASON FOR CHANGE
No changes required because (as above) requirements for staff with disabilities are already planned to be included as part of the procurement requirements specification. Change management at the implementation stage will also plan and deliver an effective transition for this staff group to be able to effectively use the new system.	Not applicable

5. Recommendation

Based your assessment, please indicate which course of action you are recommending to decision makers. You should explain your recommendation in the in the blank box below.

Outcome Number	Description	Tick
Outcome One	No major change to the policy/service/function required. This EIA has not identified any potential for discrimination or negative impact, and all opportunities to promote equality have been undertaken	✓
Outcome Two	Adjust the policy/service/function to remove barriers identified by the EIA or better advance equality. Are you satisfied that the proposed adjustments will remove the barriers you identified?	
Outcome Three	Continue the policy/service/function despite potential for negative impact or missed opportunities to advance equality identified. You will need to make sure the EIA clearly sets out the justifications for continuing with it. You need to consider whether there are: • Sufficient plans to stop or minimise the negative impact • Mitigating actions for any remaining negative impacts plans to monitor the actual impact.	
Outcome Four	Stop and rethink the policy when the EIA shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination (For guidance on what is unlawful discrimination, refer to the Equality and Human Rights Commission's guidance and Codes of Practice on the Equality Act concerning employment, goods and services and equal pay, available here).	
Please use the box on the right to explain the rationale for your recommendation		





6a. Version Control

Version Number	Purpose/Change	Author	Date
0.1	Initial version	Andrew Richards	1st October 2019
0.2	Update for full business case	Andrew Richards	27 th May 2020

6b. Approval

	Name	Date approved
Approved by*	Leigh Whitehouse – Executive Director of Resources	27 th May 2020

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