Full Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project, policy, function, service or proposal being	Bridgend County Together - Single Integrated Partnership Plan	
assessed		
Date assessment completed	April 2013	

At this stage you will need to re-visit your initial screening template to inform your discussions on consultation and refer to <u>guidance</u> notes on completing a full EIA

1. Table 1 - Consultation

		Action Points
Who do you need to consult	Citizens and people who work	COMPLETE –
with (which equality groups)?	in Bridgend or visit the county.	
		A detailed consultation plan was produced in the lead up to the
	 LSB member organisations 	consultation and is contained at Appendix 2. The consultation plan
		was developed working with BCBC consultation and equalities officers
	 A list of statutory consultees is 	and included a focus on ensuring equalities groups could respond to
	contained at Appendix 1	the consultation.
		The 42 and other transfer of the 2042 24st
		The 12 week statutory consultation ran from 7 th January 2013 - 31 st
		March 2013.
		A total of 1012 responses to the consultation were resolved
		A total of 1013 responses to the consultation were received.
How will you ensure your	Use a range of engagement	COMPLETE –
consultation is inclusive?	methods and also ensure	
	documents produced are	 All posters and surveys produced bilingually.
	accessible.	A young person's version of the plan produced.
		Screen reader version of the plan produced.
		Animated presentation (prezi) of the plan produced.
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Copies of the plan available in additional formats on request. Open invitation made to community groups online, by email and through meetings such as BEF to visit individual groups/organisations and discuss the plan and consultation in person. Individuals able to respond to the consultation via email, mail, telephone, face-to-face at events etc. Consultation survey includes a section on equalities monitoring and has been produced working in co-ordination with the Council's consultation and equalities officers. Development of the plan has been What consultation was carried COMPLETE consultative from the very first out? **Consider any consultation** Citizen's Voice – Citizens were asked to share their views on what it stage. activity already carried out, was like to live and work in the county. Questions were designed which may not have been Main periods of consultation and collaboratively by the LSB Citizen Engagement Steering Group and following discussions with BCBC equalities officers a standard set of specifically about equality but engagement include: may have information you can Citizen Voice: February – April equalities monitoring questions was appended. 1460 responses were received. A detailed summary report can be use 2012 downloaded from the LSB website at **OBA Workshops:** August 2012 Consultation on draft plan: www.bridgendlsb.org.uk/bridgend-county-together. January 2013 - March 2013 Responses were used to help shape the early stages of the plan, being All of these periods of consultation used alongside a strategic needs assessment to inform plan priorities. have helped to shape the plan and The final outcomes of the plan around people in the county being ensure it meets the needs of all healthier, achieving their full potential and benefiting from a strong economy and great place to live, work and visit originate from the

people living and working in the

county.

issues that people said were most important to them in this period of

engagement.

OBA Workshops – Two initial interactive workshops were held in August 2012 to find out what people understood by the priorities that had been arrived at following the Citizen Voice engagement. These were attended by over 85 individuals from public sector and third sector, as well as elected members and community members. Equalities groups were well represented through the third sector. Arising from these workshops a series of more focused officer based workshops were held.

The Local Service Board is committed to meaningful consultation and engagement and formally endorsed the National Principles for Public Engagement in 2012. One of these principles is about the importance of feeding back after engagement. This is why we produced Your Plan, Your Say – a report summarising engagement on the plan that covers the stages of engagement detailed here. You can download Your Plan, Your Say from www.bridgendlsb.org.uk/bridgend-county-together.

Consultation – A 12 week statutory consultation on the draft plan was undertaken from 7^{th} January – 31^{st} March 2013. Details of engagement activity throughout the consultation are included in the following section (Table 2).

Table 2 - Record of consultation with people from equality groups

Group or persons consulted	Date, venue and number of people	Feedback, areas of concern raised	Action Points
	section relate to the main statutory co l above previous periods of engageme ty groups.		
Whole population		The following is a summary of	The following actions were
Local and online media Glamorgan Gazette Bridgend & Porthcawl Gem	Press releases in local and online media used to signpost general public to consultation.	feedback from across all elements of the consultation:	developed in response to feedback from across the consultation:
Bridge FM Twitter (BCBC)		1) that it was unclear how the plan would be resourced	1) Expand detail on the commitment of LSB member
Facebook (BAVO) Bridgend LSB Website			organisations on our logo page, in the introduction and foreword.
LSB member organisation		2) although most poople liked or	2) Amond the Vision to road "A
intranets Mailing Lists	7 th January 2013 and subsequently throughout consultation. Emails were sent signposting a wide range of agencies, organisations and groups to the consultation. A full	2) although most people liked or really liked the vision (81% of responses), some people felt that prosperous should be featured more highly and that the wording around reaching potential should be altered	2) Amend the Vision to read "A healthy, <u>prosperous</u> and safe county where people <u>can</u> reach their full potential"
	list of the range of communication channels agencies, venues and groups to which the consultation survey	3) that it was unclear how the Vision had been developed.	3) Include more information as to how the Vision was developed in the Vision Chapter.

Public Buildings: e.g. BCBC Libraries, BCBC Leisure Centres, GPs, dental surgeries, council-owned community venues, LSB member organisation buildings	was circulated and/or advertised is included at Appendix 3 Posters used to signpost general public to consultation.	 4) that the monitoring process could be clearer and more detailed. 5) that it was unclear how the plan met the needs of people with additional or different needs. 	4) Expand the Monitoring Chapter to provide additional detail of monitoring process. 5) Include detail in the Background Chapter as to the principles which have been used to develop the plan including equal opportunities.
Bridgend Market Maesteg Market	14 th March 2013, Bridgend Market Stall Stall in Market used for consultation with public and stallholders 18 th March 2013, Maesteg Market Stall Stall in Market used for consultation with public and stallholders	6) that not all of the strategies and plans referenced in the plan were known about or easily identifiable. 7) that there should be more in the plan about making loisure.	6) Electronic version of the plan to contain links to all referenced plans and strategies. All referenced plans will be uploaded to the LSB website at www.bridgendlsb.org.uk/bridgend-county-together 7) Amend and add to the actions on the report cards for <i>Increase</i>
Community Cafes PACT Meetings	Cefn Glas, Pencoed, Kenfig Hill Community Cafes • 24 th January 2013, Laleston	the plan about making leisure services in the county more accessible and affordable.	the number of people taking regular exercise and Increase the
J	 Gardening Club, 9 people 30th January 2013, Pencoed Welfare Hall, approx.14 people 30th January 2013, Brynteg Comprehensive School, 		percentage of young people who think that local sports, art and dance facilities are of good or very good quality with a view to making leisure services more accessible and available for people in

	approx. 30 people		Bridgend County
	• 30 th January 2013, Llangewyd Junior School, 5 people		
	Junior School, 5 people 4th February 2013, Smyrna Chapel, 10 people 7th February 2013, Gilead Chapel Coity, 4 people 13th February 2013, Ynsawdre Village Hall, 13 people 14th February 2013, Wildmill Community Centre, 10 people 18th February 2013, Noddfa Chapel, 15 people 4th March 2013, Cwm Calon Day Centre, 9 people 4th March 2013, Pencoed Hall, approx. 13 people 12th March 2013, Newton Primary, 15 people 13th March 2013, Nantymoel, 6 people	8) that there were some existing priorities where we could add additional actions	 8) Add the following: New action around children and young people accessing alcohol inappropriately to the <i>Reduce binge drinking</i> priority; New action around emotional well-being in relation to health priorities of the Western Bay Programme to the <i>Improve people's emotional wellbeing and mental health</i> priority; New action around raising awareness of the National Principles for Public Engagement to the <i>Increase the percentage of people who agree that they can influence</i>
	21 st March 2013, Talbot Institute Kenfig Hill, 12 people		 decisions affecting their local area priority; New action around dealing with
Communities First Partnership Meetings	Llangeinor, 16 th January 2013, Richard Price Centre, 6 people Blackmill 28 th January 2013, Blackmill Youth and Community Centre, 9 people		young people's criminal offences to the <i>Reduce re-offending rates</i> priority; Two new actions around digital inclusion to the <i>Reduce the</i>

Cwlwm Celtaidd	2nd March, Porthcawl Pavilion Public event		percentage of people aged 16- 64 who are JSA Claimants
Groups relating to multiple protected characteristics			priority;
Bridgend Equality Forum	3 rd December 2013, Innovation Centre; The Information and Engagement Officer attended the Bridgend Equality Forum to provide an update on the process having previously presented to the group around the citizen voice phase. Information & Engagement Officer offered to attend any meetings of the groups represented 7 th January 2013; All members on either the main BEF mailing list on the BEF "CC:" list were notified of the start of the consultation by email and provided with a link to the survey as well as being reminded of the option of a visit/local level presentation.	9) that more could be done to improve town centres, particularly around licensing, business rates, property type, parking and attracting new business. 10) that the plan could include more community activities and guidance around food and	 New action around garden waste collections to the Increase the percentage of household waste that is recycled, reused or composted priority; New action around dog fouling to the cleaner streets and land priority; New action around domestic abuse to the Further reductions in violent crime priority. We will review the comments made around town centres and work with partners to develop new actions for inclusion in the plan. 10) Develop a new report card and associated actions around food and cookery in the community.

Bavo Hear My Voice Event	5 th March 2013, Bethlehem Life	cooking.	
	Centre, 37 people		
	Third sector consultation event	11) that the plan could include a	11) Develop a carers report card
Age		greater emphasis on carers and support for carers in the plan.	with associated actions
14-19 Networks	12 th March 2013; Pencoed		
	College; 8 people	12) that a clearer and more	12) Develop a straight forward
	Children & Young people	straight forward way to engage	means of engagement and
Bridgend Youth Service	Throughout consultation,	with LSB organisations and to be	implement it across the
	engagement at youth clubs	informed of issues that affect the	partnership structure.
	throughout the county	public was needed.	
	Children & Young people		
Child Poverty Strategy	22 nd January 2013; Civic Offices;	13) that there was some	13) Ownership of actions to be
	9 people	inconsistency over the ownership	reviewed to ensure fit with revised
	Children & Young people	of some actions	partnership structure and that a
Just @sk Consultation event	27 th March 2013, Bridgend		consistent approach to ownership
	YMCA; 30 people		exists.
	Children & Young people		
Just @sk Let's Talk About Sex	14 th February 2013, Bethlehem	14) that there were issues	14) We will review the comments
	Life Centre; 79 people	connected to transport and	made around transport along with
	Children & Young people	accessibility in the county that	existing data and survey
Learning Pathways Event	13 th & 14 th February 2013,	should be included in the plan.	information and work with
	Pencoed College; approximately		partners to develop new actions
	400 people across 2 days		relating to transport for inclusion
	Children & Young people		in the plan.
Families First Meeting	27 th February 2013, Civic Offices,		
	12 people	15) that there were issues	15) We will review the comments
	Children & Young people	connected to the environment in	made around the environment

Family Learning Group	4 th March 2013, Ravens' Court, 6	the county that should be	along with existing data we have
	People	included in the plan.	and work with partners to develop
	Children & Young people		new actions relating to the
NEETs Event	20 th March 2013, Bettws Life		environment for inclusion in the
	centre, 12 people		plan.
	Children & Young people		
Prevention, Health & Emotional	14 th February 2013, Broadcastle,		
Well Being Group	8 people		
	Older people		
SHOUT Porthcawl	8 th February 2013, Trinity Church		
	Porthcawl, approx. 8 people		
	Older people		
SHOUT (County)	11 th March 2013, Civic Offices,		
	approx. 10 people		
Disability & Additional Needs			
Disabled Children's Strategy	7 th February 2013, Sunnyside		
Group	Offices, 16 people		
ASD Adults Group	31 st January 2013, ARC building,		
	7 people		
ASD Stakeholder Group	29 th January 2013, Bridgend		
	Resource Centre, 17 people		
Transition Group	14 th February 2013, Bridgend		
	Resource Centre, 8 people		
Bridgend People First	1 st February 2013, Bridgend		
	Resource Centre, 32 people		
	Pyle, 4 people		
	Cwm Calon, 10 people		
Miscellaneous			

Bridgend Tobacco Steering Group	15 th February 2013, Ravens'
	Court, 13 people
Carers Forum	12 th February 2013, Innovation
	Centre, 18 people
Mental Health Matters	26 th February 2013 Nolton Hall
	and 28 th February, Central
I	Church Maesteg
BELP Work Club Meeting	24 th February 2013, Civic Offices
ı	40 people
Welfare Reform	15 th January, RPC-Llangeinor, 80
	people
	23 rd January, Bethlehem Life
	Centre, 120 people
LSB Communities Board	29 th January 2013, Civic Offices,
	13 people
LSB People's Board	15 th January, Civic Offices, 17
	People
Town & Community Councillors	14 th January 2013, Civic Offices,
Forum	36 people
Environmental Working Group	25 th February 2013, Bryngarw
	Country Park, 12 people
Cornelly Drop-in morning	7 th February 2013, Cornelly
	Community Church, 8 people

ACTION POINTS 1-8 COMPLETE,

ACTION POINTS 9-13 TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF PUBLICATION ACTION POINTS 14-15 TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF PUBLICATION

2. Assessment of Impact

Based on the data you have analysed, and the results of consultation or research, consider what the potential impact will be upon people with protected characteristics (negative or positive). If you do identify any adverse impact you **must**:

- a) Liaise with the Equalities Team who may seek legal advice as to whether, based on the evidence provided, an adverse impact is or is potentially discriminatory, and
- b) Identify steps to mitigate any adverse impact these actions will need to be included in your action plan.

Include any examples of how the policy helps to promote equality.

The plan is a whole population plan and has been developed to help improve the lives of all people living and working in the area. The plan has been developed in line with the Welsh Government Guidance Shared Purpose, Shared Delivery. This guidance states that:

"A single integrated plan should be based on a comprehensive strategic needs assessment, use an outcomes based methodology, and pay attention to the needs of the whole population in the local area but with a specific focus on groups who are disadvantaged, vulnerable or at risk of becoming vulnerable." (Welsh Government, 2012, p.8)

How has this been applied in the plan?

Citizen Voice – When citizens were first engaged around the plan we worked with Bridgend Council Equalities officers to ensure a full set of equalities monitoring questions were asked as part of the survey. This allowed us to ensure the views of different equalities groups could be heard and incorporated into the plan. The consultation report which is available from www.bridgendlsb.org.uk/bridgend-county-together included respondent profile summaries by age, sex and race. As numbers of respondents from other protected characteristics groups were small it was consider inappropriate to profile responses at this scale.

Strategic Needs Assessment – The strategic needs assessment is split into 11 thematic sections with one of these being equality. Each section was developed by representatives from across the LSB partnership with the Council's Equalities Officer, Communities First Research and Information Officer, BAVO (third sector) officer and an officer from the former Children and Young People's partnership working together to identify datasets relating to equality. Additional support was provided from South Wales Police and the LSB Information and Engagement Officer in this area. Prioritising equality as a stand-alone section reflects the commitment of the LSB to ensuring equalities issues are represented in the plan. Across the plan where data is available and relevant this has been profiled by the protected characteristics including age, sex, disability and sexual orientation.

Final Plan – As detailed the final plan is a whole population plan but in line with Welsh Government guidance the plan does contain actions focused on specific groups who may normally be disadvantaged or vulnerable. These actions are included to ensure that people who may face barriers to accessing services are included and benefit from the plan. No sub-population groups will be adversely impacted by the plan. The following table considers how each of the protected characteristic population groups is impacted upon in the plan.

Table 3 – Protected Characteristics Groups and the Plan

Gender	Impact or potential impact	Actions to mitigate
Identify the impact/potential impact on women and men.	The plan is a whole population plan and will benefit both sexes.	No negative impact - none needed
Disability	Impact or potential impact	Actions to mitigate
Identify the impact/potential impact on disabled people (ensure consideration of a range of impairments, e.g. physical, sensory impairments, learning disabilities, long-term	The plan is a whole population plan and will benefit disabled and non-disabled people. It is an overarching strategic plan and will not replace the existing operational plans in place	No negative impact - none needed

illness).	to meet the needs of disabled people. There are however some actions that will specifically benefit people with a disability e.g. promoting community transport options;	
Race	Impact or potential impact	Actions to mitigate
Identify the impact/potential impact of the service on Black and minority ethnic (BME) people.	The plan is a whole population plan and will benefit people of all ethnicities. The plan does however contain actions intended to foster better relationships within our communities e.g. the implementation of the community cohesion strategy. This will benefit all members of the community and help make the county more inclusive of people from all ethnicities.	No negative impact - none needed
Religion and belief	Impact or potential impact	Actions to mitigate
Identify the impact/potential impact of the service on people of different religious and	The plan is a whole population plan and will	No negative impact - none needed

faith groups.	benefit people of all religions and beliefs.	
	The plan does however contain actions intended to foster better relationships within our communities e.g. the implementation of the community cohesion strategy. This will benefit all members of the community and help make the county more inclusive of people from all religions and beliefs.	
Sexual Orientation	Impact or potential impact	Actions to mitigate
Identify the impact/potential impact of the service on gay, lesbian and bisexual people.	The plan is a whole population plan and will benefit people of all sexual orientations.	No negative impact - none needed
Age	Impact or potential impact	Actions to mitigate
Identify the impact/potential impact of the service on older people and younger people.	The plan is a whole population plan and will benefit people of all ages. The plan does however contain a number of	No negative impact - none needed
	actions aimed at specific age groups where it is felt that these groups face additional	

	barriers or have additional needs.	
	e.g. Young People – some actions around	
	smoking, obesity, exercise, binge drinking,	
	emotional wellbeing, GCSE attainment,	
	workless households, homelessness, NEETs,	
	teenage pregnancies, employment,	
	reoffending, street cleanliness, recycling and	
	leisure facilities are targeted specifically at	
	younger people.	
	e.g. Working age population – a number of	
	the actions around employment are focused	
	on people aged 16-64.	
	e.g. older people – there are specific priorities	
	aimed at increasing the number of older	
	people helped to live independently and	
	reducing the number of older people	
	suffering hip fractures.	
Pregnancy & Maternity	Impact or potential impact	Actions to mitigate
Identify the impact/potential impact of the	The plan is a whole population plan and will	No negative impact - none needed
service on pregnancy and maternity	benefit all people.	
(including infants up to 26 weeks)	The plan does however contain a number of	
	actions specifically relating to pregnancy and	

	maternity e.g. support for smoking cessation during pregnancy and increasing breast feeding,	
Transgender	Impact or potential impact	Actions to mitigate
Identify the impact/potential impact of the service on transgender people	The plan is a whole population plan and will benefit all people.	No negative impact - none needed

Please note: The final plan references this EIA and records the commitment of the LSB and partners to promoting equal opportunities and the Welsh Language and ensuring that services are inclusive and do not discriminate. (Bridgend County Together, P.3)

It is essential that you now complete the action plan. Once your action plan is complete, please ensure that the actions are mainstreamed into the relevant Thematic Service Development Plan.

3. Table 4 - Action Plan

Action	Lead Person	Target for completion	Resources needed	Service Development plan for this action			
The Action Points referred to in Table 2 represent the main actions arising from the consultation and these are recorded in the final plan. There were no actions arising from the review contained in Table 3; linked to different protected characteristics groups in the plan. The following actions are to ensure the continued accessibility and equal implementation of the plan through delivery.							
Ensure that Bridgend	Mark Lewis, Partnership	Bilingual versions of plan:	Existing resources. Liaise	These actions are core			
County Together is	Manager	May 2013	with Equalities team about	business for the team			
accessible to all citizens.			producing requested	and covered by			
We will do this by		Children & young people's	alternative versions if	documents such as LSB			
producing:		plan:	needed.	Citizen Engagement			
 Bilingual versions of 		June 2013		Strategy, LSB			
the plan (English &				Communications			
Welsh)		A screen –reader version of		Strategy and the			
A children & young		the plan		National Principles for			
people's plan		May 2013		Public Engagement			
■ A screen –reader				which the LSB have			

version of the plan		Alternative versions on		endorsed.
		request		
Additional or alternative				
versions of the plan				
beyond these will be				
available upon request.				
Separate EIA's will be	Lead partners identified in	Ongoing	Existing resources	This commitment is
conducted as needed	plan			recorded on page 3 of
when developing specific				Bridgend County
policies, projects and				Together.
programmes to deliver				
Bridgend County Together				

Please outline the name of the independent person (someone other the person undertaking the EIA) countersigning this EIA below:

Paul Williams

Please outline how and when this EIA will be monitored in future and when a review will take place:

This EIA will be monitored by the LSB through the People and Communities Board, supported by the Integrated Partnership Support Team and any concerns identified will be reported up to the LSB.

Signed: Maru Lewis

Date: 25th April 2013

4. Publication of your results and feedback to consultation groups

It is important that the results of this impact assessment are published in a user friendly accessible format.

It is also important that you feedback to your consultation groups with the actions that you are taking to address their concerns and to mitigate against any potential adverse impact.

Please send completed EIA form to the **Equalities Team**

The EIA will be available to download from the LSB website upon approval and can be provided in other formats upon request.

All actions that have arisen from the consultation are publicly recorded in the final version of the plan. A full consultation report will also be produced and the Integrated Partnership Support Team can feed back to individual groups that have been involved in the consultation if needed.

List of Evidence

Appended to this document

- 1. List of Statutory Consultees
- 2. Consultation Plan
- 3. List of the range of communication channels agencies, venues and groups to which the consultation survey was circulated and/or advertised

Available to download from www.bridgendlsb.org.uk/bridgend-county-together

- 1. Bridgend County Together final plan
- 2. Strategic Needs Assessment
- 3. "Citizen Voice" Consultation report, April 2012, prepared by Cardiff Research
- 4. Assurance Document
- 5. Engagement Strategy
- 6. Information Strategy
- 7. Bridgend County Together Consultation Report (available from June 2013)