

## Community Impact Assessment: Summary

**1. Name of service, policy, function or criteria being assessed:** Introduction of Energy Company Obligation Flexible Eligibility Criteria for the City of York.

**2. What are the main objectives or aims of the service/policy/function/criteria?** To enable otherwise non-qualifying residents to access funding from energy suppliers to address fuel poverty.

**3. Name and Job Title of person completing assessment:** Lance Saxby, Energy Efficiency Project Manager

**4. Have any impacts been Identified? (Yes/No)**

Yes

**Community of Identity affected:**

Age  
Disability

**Summary of impact:**

Ability for otherwise non-qualifying households to benefit from improved energy efficiency and lower energy costs

**5. Date CIA completed:** 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

**6. Signed off by:**

**7. I am satisfied that this service/policy/function has been successfully impact assessed.**

**Name:**

**Position:**

**Date:**

**8. Decision-making body:**

Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods

**Date:**

22nd May 2017

**Decision Details:**

Send the completed signed off document to [ciasubmission@york.gov.uk](mailto:ciasubmission@york.gov.uk) It will be published on the intranet, as well as on the council website.

Actions arising from the Assessments will be logged on Verto and progress updates will be required

## Community Impact Assessment (CIA)

**Community Impact Assessment Title:**

**Introduction of Energy Company Obligation Flexible Eligibility Criteria for York**

What evidence is available **to suggest that the proposed service, policy, function or criteria could have a negative (N), positive (P) or no (None) effect** on quality of life outcomes? (Refer to guidance for further details)

Can negative impacts be justified? **For example: improving community cohesion; complying with other legislation or enforcement duties; taking positive action to address imbalances or under-representation; needing to target a particular community or group e.g. older people.** NB. Lack of financial resources alone is NOT justification!

### Community of Identity: Age

Evidence	Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Committee on Fuel Poverty Report Sept. 2016 BRE research 2015 Marmott Review – The Health Impacts of Cold Homes and Fuel Poverty	Longevity; Health; Standard of Living;	Positive	None

Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
<p>Positive</p> <p>Although there are some excess winter deaths in all age groups, it becomes significant for those in the 45+ age group. The risk increases with age in a roughly linear pattern up to the 85+ age group, after which there is a marked increased risk.</p> <p>Children living in cold homes are more than twice as likely to suffer from a variety of respiratory problems as children living in warm homes. Mental health is negatively affected by fuel poverty and cold housing for any age group. More than 1 in 4 adolescents living in cold housing are at risk of multiple mental health problems compared to 1 in 20 adolescents who have always lived in warm housing.</p> <p>Negative</p> <p>None</p>	Yes	<p>The issuing of a Statement of Intent of the Council's Flexible Eligibility Criteria for the Energy Company Obligation provides a route of access to funding for residents which would otherwise not be able to benefit.</p> <p>The Criteria provide for households, particularly with vulnerable family members who are on low incomes but not in receipt of ECO 'passport' benefits to become eligible for funding.</p>	Home Energy Project Manger	May 2017

### Community of Identity: Carers of Older or Disabled People

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
			None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date

### Community of Identity: Disability

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
Committee on Fuel Poverty Report Sept. 2016 BRE research 2015 Marmott Review – The Health Impacts of Cold Homes and Fuel Poverty		Longevity; Health; Standard of Living;	<b>Positive</b>	None

Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date
<p>Positive Residents suffering from disabilities or illness which is made worse by living in cold conditions are qualified under the Flexible Criteria where their homes are more efficient than those qualifying through income and housing condition alone</p> <p>Negative</p>	Yes	Normally a household will qualify by living on an income below £21,000 per year and living in a home with an EPC Rating of E, F, or G, however where a resident suffers from an illness or disability that is made worse by living in cold conditions, an EPC Rating of D is also acceptable	Home Energy Project Manger	May 2017

**Community of Identity: Gender**

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
			None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date

**Community of Identity: Gender Reassignment**

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
			None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date

**Community of Identity: Marriage & Civil Partnership**

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
			None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date

**Community of Identity: Pregnancy / Maternity**

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
			None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date

**Community of Identity: Race**

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
			None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date

**Community of Identity: Religion / Spirituality / Belief**

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
			None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date

**Community of Identity: Sexual Orientation**

Evidence		Quality of Life Indicators	Customer Impact (N/P/None)	Staff Impact (N/P/None)
			None	None
Details of Impact	<i>Can negative impacts be justified?</i>	Reason/Action	Lead Officer	Completion Date