



Hyndburn Borough Council
Customer First Analysis

What is it for?

Our corporate values include putting the customer first, providing opportunities for bright futures and narrowing inequality across the Borough.

From 1 April 2011, a new legal duty applies to all public authorities. It covers these protected characteristics:

- age;
- disability;
- gender reassignment;
- pregnancy and maternity;
- race;
- religion or belief;
- gender;
- sexual orientation; and, for some aspects,
- marriage and civil partnerships.

The duty means that – as previously - we should analyse the effect of existing and new policies and practices on equality. It does not specify how we should do this. However, legal cases on the meaning of the previous general equality duties make it clear that we must carry out the analysis **before making the relevant policy decision**, and include consideration as to whether we can reduce any detrimental impact.

The framework overleaf – our Customer First Analysis - is suggested when making a written record of the analysis. This replaces Equality Impact Assessments.

The Analysis should be **proportionate** to the policy decision being taken. In some cases the written record will be a quick set of bullet points or notes under each heading, to deal with any questions which are relevant (or briefly explain why if they aren't). Others will need to be much more detailed. A meaningful Analysis will help the Council make the best decision or formulate a policy which best meets our customers' needs.

Please return completed Customer First Analyses to Human Resources. I can guide you through the process if this would be helpful.

If you have any suggestions for improving this process, please let me know.

Kirsten Burnett
Head of HR

Customer First Analysis

1. Purpose

- What are you trying to achieve with the policy / service / function?

Compliance with the legal requirements as set out in Section 16 of the Transport Act 1985. The Council currently has a policy of restricting the number of hackney carriage licences issued. However in maintaining such a policy the Council has to provide evidence that there is no significant unmet demand for hackney carriage services in the area in order to be in a position to refuse any new applications for additional licences

- Who defines and manages it?

Licensing Officers/ Licensing Manager and the Executive Director of Legal and Democratic Services.

- Who do you intend to benefit from it and how?

The Council need to defend any decision not to issue any further hackney carriage vehicle licences.

- What could prevent people from getting the most out of the policy / service / function?

Failure to have regard to the policy when making decisions.

- How will you get your customers involved in the analysis and how will you tell people about it?

Hackney carriage proprietors were consulted before the survey took place and they paid for it. Members of the public and stakeholders were consulted during the survey. The results of the survey will be published on our web site.

2. Evidence

No successful appeals lodged against the council for refusal to grant hackney carriage vehicle licences.

3. Impact

- Then policy will ensure that the council is complying with the current legislation and can provide evidence that there is no significant unmet demand for hackney carriage vehicle licences should a challenge be made.

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Signed: _____

Service Area: Licensing

Dated: 19th October 2018

If applicable, please attach copy of – or website link to - the cabinet report for reference.

Don't forget to return your written record to HR.

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