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# **Resident Impact Assessment**

Procurement Strategy for Gas and Electricity supply 2020-2024

**Service Area: Environment and Regeneration** 

## 1. What are the intended outcomes of this policy, function etc?

To approve the procurement strategy for gas and electricity supply for the period 2020-2024 and to allow award of new contracts via delegated powers to be put in place.

#### 2. Resident Profile

Who is going to be impacted by this change i.e. residents/service users/tenants? Please complete data for your service users. If your data does not fit into the categories in this table, please copy and paste your own table in the space below. Please refer to **section 3.3** of the guidance for more information.

		Borough profile	Service User profile
		Total: 206,285	Total:
Gender	Female	51%	51%
	Male	49%	49%
Age	Under 16	32,825	32,825
	16-24	29,418	29,418
	25-44	87,177	87,177
	45-64	38,669	38,669
	65+	18,036	18,036
Disability	Disabled	16%	16%
	Non-disabled	84%	84%
Sexual orientation	LGBT	No data	No data
	Heterosexual/straight	No data	No data
Race	ВМЕ	52%	52%
	White	48%	48%
Religion or belief	Christian	40%	40%
	Muslim	10%	10%
	Other	4.5%	4.5%
	No religion	30%	30%
	Religion not stated	17%	17%

### 3. Equality impacts

With reference to the <u>guidance</u>, please describe what are the equality and socio-economic impacts for residents and what are the opportunities to challenge prejudice or promote understanding?

- The Procurement Strategy for Gas and Electricity supply (2020-2024) is not likely to be discriminatory in any way for people with any of the protected characteristics.
- The Procurement Strategy for Gas and Electricity supply (2020-2024) is not likely to have a negative impact on equality of opportunity for people with protected characteristics.

There is a potential positive impact for council leaseholders with the following protected characteristics: age, disability, pregnancy & maternity. This is because leaseholders pay for the amount of heat that they use and that the elderly and very young, pregnant and new mothers and disabled residents are likely to spend more time in the home, therefore require more heating. The Procurement Strategy seeks to obtain the lowest cost gas and will therefore provide a greater saving for those spending more time in the home.

- The proposal is not likely to have a negative impact on good relations between communities with protected characteristics and the rest of the population in Islington. The proposals do not provide any opportunities for fostering good relations.
- By looking to purchase gas at the lowest price, heat can be provided to council leaseholders at a lower cost. This will leave leaseholders more money for other purposes, alleviating poverty for lower income households. Alternatively, low income leaseholders may choose to use cost savings to heat their homes to a higher level reducing the negative impacts of fuel poverty on physical and mental health which affect lower income households disproportionately.

### 4. Safeguarding and Human Rights impacts

#### a) Safeguarding risks and Human Rights breaches

Please describe any safeguarding risks for children or vulnerable adults AND any potential human rights breaches that may occur as a result of the proposal? Please refer to **section 4.8** of the <u>guidance</u> for more information.

There are no safeguarding risks for children and vulnerable adults or potential human rights breaches resulting from the proposal.

If potential safeguarding and human rights risks are identified then **please contact equalities@islington.gov.uk to discuss further**:

### 5. Action

How will you respond to the impacts that you have identified in sections 3 and 4, or address any gaps in data or information?

For more information on identifying actions that will limit the negative impact of the policy for protected groups see the <u>guidance</u>.

Action	Responsible person or team	Deadline
N/A – No negative impacts have been identified.		

Please send the completed RIA to equalites@islington.gov.uk and also make it publicly available online along with the relevant policy or service change.

This Resident Impact Assessment has been completed in accordance with the	е
guidance and using appropriate evidence.	

Staff member completing this form: Head of Services or higher:

Signed: Richard Gill Signed: Earth Ughabiaka

Date: 31/10/2018 Date: CILOR NET - 80 - APE PA GENTE.