

East Suffolk - Equality Impact Analysis (EqIA)

EqIA reference: **EQIA474836227**

Service area/Team conducting EqIA: **Financial Compliance Financial Services, Corporate Performance and Risk Management**

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Responsible Cabinet member: **Councillor Maurice Cook, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources**

Title of project/policy/initiative/action relating to this EqIA: **Council Tax Premiums on Second Homes and Empty Properties**

Is this a new project, policy, initiative or action that directly impacts people: **Yes**

Date of EqIA: **30/12/2022**

Does the project/policy/initiative/action relating to this EqIA have the potential for positive or negative impact on any of the protected characteristics?

Characteristic - Impact

Age: **No impact**

Reason: **The changes to policy will apply to all taxpayers who have dwellings which meet the criteria irrespective of whether they have any protected characteristics or not.**

Disability: **No impact**

Reason: **The changes to policy will apply to all taxpayers who have dwellings which meet the criteria irrespective of whether they have any protected characteristics or not.**

Gender reassignment: **No impact**

Reason: **The changes to policy will apply to all taxpayers who have dwellings which meet the criteria irrespective of whether they have any protected characteristics or**

not.

Marriage and civil partnership: **No impact**

Reason: **The changes to policy will apply to all taxpayers who have dwellings which meet the criteria irrespective of whether they have any protected characteristics or not.**

Pregnancy and maternity: **No impact**

Reason: **The changes to policy will apply to all taxpayers who have dwellings which meet the criteria irrespective of whether they have any protected characteristics or not.**

Race: **No impact**

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Religion or belief: **No impact**

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Sex: **No impact**

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Sexual orientation: **No impact**

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Deprivation/Socio-economic Disadvantage: **Positive**

Reason: **Bringing long term empty properties back into use as affordable homes can**

support those on low incomes and suffering poverty. The proposals in this report are intended primarily to assist in addressing the problems of the provision of affordable housing in the district, by way of incentivising the bringing back into occupation and repurposing of empty properties and second homes. The potential Council tax income arising from the premiums will support the Council and other precepting authorities in the provision of services, especially the County Council.

What evidence or data has been collated or used to support the completion of this EqlA:

Published documents/reports/data

Details for published documents:

As a result of undertaking this EqlA do you need to provide information relating to the policy, project, initiative or action to the public in a different language or form and how do you propose to do this: **No**

As a result of completing this EqlA, has the Author, Service team, Project manager made any changes or adjustments to the policy/project/initiative/action: **No**

Is the policy/project/initiative/action subject to equality monitoring: **No**