

SSA EQUALITY IMPACT AND NEEDS ANALYSIS

Directorate	Resources
Service Area	Financial Management
Service/policy/function being assessed	Council Tax setting
Which borough (s) does the service/policy apply to	Wandsworth
Staff involved	Mark Maidment, Fenella Merry
Date approved by Directorate Equality Group (if applicable)	13.02.18
Date approved by Policy and Review Manager All EINAs must be signed off by the Policy and Review Manager	13.02.18
Date submitted to Directors' Board	n/a

SUMMARY

Please summarise the key findings of the EINA.

The Government's Spending Review continues to allow those authorities responsible for adult social care to apply an "adult social care precept" of up to 6% over the three years to 2019/20 without triggering a council tax referendum threshold, with the additional income raised to be used entirely for social care.

The council tax generated from the proposed 2% precept will generate additional income of £1 million to be attributed to adult social care. This "precept" also has to be shown on the face of council tax bills and in the "information supplied with the demand notice".

Taking the precept will have a positive impact on users of adult social care in Wandsworth.

1. Background

Briefly describe the service/policy or function:

The recommendations in the report are for Wandsworth's share of the council tax to remain at 2018/19 levels and to apply a 2% adult social care precept to council tax bills in 2018/19.

2. Analysis of need and impact

Protected group	Findings
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Age	Age band	Census data (2011)	Adults Data 2016/17
	18-64	90%	39.8%
	65-74	4.7%	13.9%
	75+	4.1%	46.2%
	Total	n/a	4211
	On average residents who access adult social services are significantly older than the borough average.		
Disability	Census data: Households containing a person with a long term health problem or disability – Total 20.7%		
	Profile of Adult Social Care Service Users: The majority of service users have physical disabilities or physical frailty as their main area of difficulty. In 2016/17, 620 had a mental health condition as their main difficulty and 889 a learning disability (all ages).		
Gender (sex)	Census data: 51.6% of residents are female.		
	Profile of Adult Social Care Service Users: 57.4% are female		
	Adult Social Services support more female residents than the borough average.		
Gender reassignment	Data not collected via the Census.		
Marriage and civil partnership	Data not collected via the Census.		
Pregnancy and maternity	Data not collected via the Census.		
Race/ethnicity	Census data: 23.6% of residents are from black and minority ethnic (BME) communities		
	Profile of Adult Social Care Service Users: In 2014/15 within the 18 to 64 age band 49.4% of service users were from BME communities. The largest proportion of BME care service users come from the Black or Black British community.		
Religion and belief, including non belief	Census data:		
	2011 Census Religion (broad groups)	Wandsworth	
		No.	%
	Christian	162,590	53.0
	Buddhist	2,574	0.8
	Hindu	6,496	2.1
	Jewish	1,617	0.5
	Muslim (Islam)	24,746	8.1
	Sikh	832	0.3
	Other religion	1,283	0.4
	No religion	82,740	27.0
	Religion not stated	24,117	7.9
Total	306,995	100	
	Data on adult social care clients is not available by this protected characteristic		

Sexual orientation	Data not collected via the Census.
Across groups i.e older LGBT service users or BME young men	Data not collected via the Census.

Data gaps

Data gap(s)	How will this be addressed?

3. Impact

Protected group	Positive	Negative
Age	As 60.1% of Adult Social Care service users are aged 65 and over - taking the precept will have a positive impact in that it will ensure these vulnerable residents continue to receive support.	Although the increase in council tax will support vulnerable residents who are service users of adult social care it will mean that residents will see an increase in their council tax. In order to mitigate the impact of this small rise on vulnerable residents the Council introduced in Paper 16- 28 a 0% minimum contribution for vulnerable households including those on certain disability benefits and households where there is a child under 3. This support has recently been promoted by the Council to ensure that eligible residents are aware of its availability,
Disability	As the majority of Adult Social Care service users have physical disabilities or physical frailty as their main area of difficulty taking the precept will have a positive impact in that it will ensure these vulnerable residents continue to receive support.	As above
Gender (sex)	As 57.4% of Adult Social Care service users are female taking the precept will have a positive impact in that it will ensure that vulnerable female residents continue to receive support.	As above
Gender reassignment	Taking the precept will support gender reassignment service users of Adult Social Care and ensure they continue to receive support.	As above
Marriage and civil partnership	Taking the precept will support service users of Adult Social Care regardless of their relationship status and will ensure they continue to receive support.	As above

Pregnancy and maternity	Taking the precept will support service users of Adult Social Care regardless of whether they are pregnant or have recently given birth and will ensure they continue to receive support.	As above
Race/ethnicity	Taking the precept will support BME service users of Adult Social Care and ensure they continue to receive support.	As above
Religion and belief, including non belief	Taking the precept will support service users of Adult Social Care and ensure vulnerable residents, regardless of their faith or belief, continue to receive support.	As above
Sexual orientation	Taking the precept will support service users of Adult Social Care and ensure vulnerable residents, regardless of their sexual orientation, continue to receive support.	As above

4. Actions

Action	Lead Officer	Deadline
Individual ENIAs are reported to Members alongside any decision to change or reduce a service as a result of budget changes	Individual officers reporting	As changes are implemented

5. Consultation. (optional section– as appropriate)

Statutory consultation on the Council's service expenditure and council tax setting has been undertaken with business ratepayers' representatives.