

## Community Impact Assessment Form

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| <b>Name of Strategy/Policy:</b>        | Consider Increasing Court costs in relation to reclaiming Rossendale debt (Council Tax & NNDR). |                                |
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| <b>Date Assessment:</b>                | <b>Commenced:</b><br>10.1.2011  | <b>Completed:</b><br>12.1.2011 |

### 1. Impact Assessment – Policy and Target Outcomes

The community impact assessment considers the impact of increasing Court costs in relation to reclaiming Rossendale Borough Council debt (Council Tax & NNDR) from £85.00 to £95.00.

b) Is the policy or decision under review (please tick)

New/proposed

Modified/adapted

Existing

c) Main or intended groups identified as beneficiaries, targets or users of (or affected in any other way) this strategy, policy, project, procedure or decision?

Main beneficiaries:

This decision could impact on any Rossendale resident who does not pay Council Tax or NNDR

d) Please detail below specific equality groups who will be the main beneficiaries, targets and users of this strategy, policy, project, procedure or decision, or who will be affected in any other way.

Key equality groups as main beneficiaries or affected in any other way (where appropriate):

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- e) To assist with the assessment you may need to consider collecting the following information, before completing the table in Section 2:

As part of the consideration of this proposal the Borough Council has considered the position of other Council's in relation to charges a variety of different charges are applied across the whole of Lancashire - Lancaster and Preston currently charge £110

- f) Is further consultation, data collection or research still required?

Yes

No

(If yes then complete Action Plan)

Key Actions  
No

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## 2. Impact – Evidence

Using the table below please tick whether you have evidence that the policy/strategy/decision has a negative, positive or neutral impact **from an equalities perspective** on any of the equality groups listed below. **Throughout this document please also give consideration to the wider community cohesion impacts within and between the groups identified.**

|  |  | <b>Positive Impact</b> – (It could benefit) | <b>Negative Impact</b> – (It could disadvantage) | <b>Reason</b>   | <b>Neutral Impact (Neither)</b>     |
|--|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Gender</b>                          | Women  | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|  | Men  | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Race (Ethnicity or Nationality)</b> | Asian or Asian British people                              | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|  | Black or black British people                              | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|  | Chinese or other ethnic people                             | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|  | Irish people   | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|  | White people   | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|  | Chinese people   | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|  | Other minority communities not listed above (please state) | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Disability</b>                      | Physical/learning/mental health                            | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | People who have a mental illness or a learning disability are exempt from recovery. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Sexuality</b>                       | Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals                            | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Gender Identity</b>                 | Transgender people   | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Age</b>                             | Older people (60+)   | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|  | Younger people (17-25), and children                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>Belief</b>                          | Faith groups *   | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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|---|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Other Groups (e.g. carers, rurally isolated, gypsies &amp; roma travellers, people on low incomes)</b> |  | <input type="checkbox"/>                    | <input type="checkbox"/>                         | Where people are in receipt of Benefits only £10.00 a week is reclaimable on a statutory basis. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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### 3. Impact – Nature/Type

- a) Could you further improve the strategy, project, policy, procedure or decision's positive or neutral impact? If "Yes", this should be detailed in the Action Plan.

YES

NO

b)

Key Actions:

No actions

### 4. Impact Assessment - Summary

Key Findings

Key Findings:

There was no increase in charges last year, it is felt timely to increase charges in 2011

### 5. Impact Assessment – Further Action

Please give the details of the monitoring/evaluation/review process that has/will be set up to check the successful implementation of the policy, project, strategy or decision including improved outcomes/impact and identify the review date.

Evaluation/ monitoring/ review process:

Review Date: Feb / Mar 2011

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## 6. IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACTION PLAN

Please list below any recommendations for action that you plan to take as a result of this impact assessment (refer to Sections 3 & 4).

| Issue | Action required | Lead officer | Timescale | Resource implications | Comments |
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