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Predictive Equality Impact Assessment (PEIA) (V.2)
FOR ALL COUNCIL DECISIONS ONLY**



Title of report or proposal:

FUTURE OF THE PUBLIC LAUNDRY AT 132 WANDSWORTH BRIDGE ROAD

Describe in full the aims, objectives and purpose of the proposal, including desired outcomes:

The report recommends to Cabinet that following consultation on the public laundry located at 132, Wandsworth Bridge Road a decision is taken to close the laundry.

Department:

Community Services

Form and report MUST be checked and countersigned by the Principal Policy Officer (Organisational Development)

Officer Responsible: *(to be completed by the report author)*

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Signed off by Pinakin Patel at **10.55** on **06/11/07**. Email pinakin.patel@lbhf.gov.uk Tel 020 8753 5727

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Who are the main people that this decision will affect?

Users of the public laundry

2. Identify the risks that could prevent the planned outcomes

Cabinet deciding not to close the laundry

3. Could the proposal have a positive impact on **a) race b) disability c) gender d) sexual orientation e) age f) belief system groups?** (Please provide evidence e.g. user feedback, complaints, monitoring?)

a) b) c) d) e) f) The decision to close the laundry will not have a positive impact on current users who will be required to find alternative laundry facilities, however decisions on the future use of the site are likely to bring future benefits to the residents of the borough.

4. Could the proposal have a negative impact on **a) race b) disability c) gender d) sexual orientation e) age f) belief system groups?** (Please provide evidence e.g. user feedback, complaints, monitoring,?)

a) b) c) d) e) f) The decision to close the laundry will affect all current users. Local people living close to the laundry particularly older people may be adversely affected if they need to travel further to a public launderette. However vulnerable users affected by closure have a right to have their needs assessed. Appropriate arrangements are made for residents who are assessed as meeting the eligibility criteria for care services, which can include laundry services being provided in other ways.

5. Can any negative impact of the decision be justified?

The decision can be justified on the grounds that the laundry is loss making to the Council. By closing the public laundry the Council will be in a position to review the future use of the site and to develop options which will maximise the benefits of the site to all borough residents.

6. If you have undertaken any internal/ external research or consultation(s) please list these below:

1.1 A consultation plan for the proposed closure has been undertaken. This plan has included

publicising information on the proposal at the laundry itself, including informing users of alternative facilities, a phone line and e mail contact point have been set up to receive comments from users and a public meeting has been held.

7. Do you need to undertake any further consultation? If so, what and with whom?

No further consultation is needed