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Identify the aims of the policy and how it is to be implemented:

Aim of the Function / Policy: (to or three sentences only)

The accessibility planning element of LTP is required by Government and utilises the Accession software package. This approach is designed to facilitate the planning of transport services and provision to achieve equality for communities. The primary aim is to identify transport obstacles to accessing services that combine to social exclusion and environmental damage.

Who is the policy intended to benefit and how?

The entire Blackpool community, particularly locally excluded communities and those who have difficulty accessing the transport facilities available.

How will the policy be put into practice?

Accession will identify transport obstacles and the local council will then work in partnership, particularly with transport providers, to remove these with the resources available.

Who is responsible for it?

Strategic Director of Tourism and Regeneration

How does the Policy fit in with the Council's wider aims?

Access to transport and the quality of transport provision is a key element within Blackpool's local economic and environmental well-being and is central within the local and masterplan led regeneration process.

How does the Policy relate to other policies and practices within the Authority?

Transport policies within the LP are cross referenced with all policies and practice areas. Transport policy team contributes to the policy development process and provides input into strategies and working groups.

Consider all available data and research

Gather all available quantitative and qualitative data. **(list here)** (could include databases, monitoring data, complaints, comments or feedback from customers, consultation or survey results, census information etc.)

These are collated within the LTP monitoring system and performance appraisal process

List here an data gaps you identify or where more information was been needed	A process to ensure that all information required within the LTPII process is underway. Following this there should be no gaps. The monitoring indicators and data gathering systems are reviewed continually
What action is required to address this lack of data?	As above. A review system is in place with a responsible officer.
Assessment of Impacts	
<p>Examine the relevant data and analyse the likely impact of the policy or proposed policy on different racial groups.</p> <p>It may be helpful to share information, practice and experiences with other local authorities.</p> <p>At this stage you will need to have at least a very basic level of understanding about equality and diversity and the different types of discrimination and the legislative framework. If you require training and support when you get to this point – contact the Equalities Unit for help.</p>	<p>Accessibility planning’s raison d’etre is to remove obstacles facing socially excluded groups and all efforts will be made within this process to deal with all special needs that emerge.</p> <p>Transport policy team has contacted the equalities forum to further joint working and is an active participant in the Mobility Panel</p> <p>A benchmarking group has been established with other coastal town councils and this will be pursued.</p>
Does this difference amount to an adverse impact or unlawful discrimination?	NO
Consideration of measures to mitigate or limit any adverse impact as well as alternative policies that might better achieve the promotion of equality of opportunity.	
If adverse impact has been identified how can this effect be removed or limited?	NA
What and how will you make changes to the policy or to the way the policy is implemented?	No changes necessary immediately. The policy is still ‘bedding in’ and it is likely that the software will be upgraded to increase its sensitivity and better incorporate modes such as cycling and walking
If the policy or the way it is to be	NA

delivered wont were changed note here what checks have you made to ensure this does not amount to unlawful discrimination?	
List here the people / groups you have asked and consulted.	This is contained within a specific consultation chapter within the LTPII document. A wide range of stakeholders, including Equal Opportunities Forum have received draft provisional LTP documents for comment, accompanied by an easy to use questionnaire
Formal consultation	
List here which stages of the process you undertook consultation and who was involved	The process was ongoing but focused on distributing the draft provisional LTP. A number of working groups, including one specific to Accessibility planning, have provided multi-disciplinary input throughout.
What was the outcome of the consultation?	A series of extremely useful comments and insights that have been incorporated within the document
What effect did the consultation have on the impact assessment	Accessibility will be more effective.
Making a decision in the light of data, alternatives and consultation	
How has the impact assessment (data, etc) and consultation affected your decision – list here what changes or measures have been put in place as a result	No – The policy is reviewed by Govt. It is also specifically designed to benefit socially excluded group.
Summarise here how the policy was decided on and its intended benefits and effects are	See above
Monitor for adverse impact in the future and publication of the results of monitoring	
List here monitoring arrangements	See above
List here review arrangements	See above

Publication of results	
Set out how the results of the impact assessment will be published	Within the final LTPII document contained within an audio cassette.
List here how you will ensure this is available in a user-friendly way	The LTPII is written in plain English. Translation-Braille\ and large print versions are available on request. The document will be available on the internet.

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Aim of the Function / Policy: (to or three sentences only)	To promote walking as a mainstream and sustainable transport mode for trips below 1 mile, for utility and leisure purposes, including access to recreational and countryside areas. To create the best possible walking environment in all areas and for all users, particularly those with a visual or mobility impairment. To ensure that people are secure and protected against anti-social behaviour, including poor driving and inconsiderate parking
Who is the policy intended to benefit and how?	All residents and visitors
How will the policy be put into practice?	Investments in the walking environment using LTP funds, integrated with the road safety strategy, informed by liaison with the Mobility Panel
Who is responsible for it?	Bruce Allen: Principal Transport Policy Officer
How does the Policy fit in with the Council's wider aims?	The Local Transport Plan and its Walking Strategy component are prepared within the Corporate and Community plan context including reducing social exclusion by making sustainable transport more available to marginalised communities.

<p>How does the Policy relate to other policies and practices within the Authority?</p>	<p>The Walking Strategy will assist policies to promote disabled access considerably</p>
<p>Consider all available data and research</p>	
<p>Gather all available quantitative and qualitative data. (list here) (could include databases, monitoring data, complaints, comments or feedback from customers, consultation or survey results, census information etc.)</p>	<p>See consultation section of the LTP. Mobility panel provides ongoing feedback on policies</p>
<p>List here an data gaps you identify or where more information was needed</p>	<p>Closer consultation and opinion survey work will be required as the proposed key pedestrian rout is developed</p>
<p>What action is required to address this lack of data?</p>	<p>Consultation and opinion survey work needs to be built into the LTP implementation programme, most likely through Mobility Panel</p>
<p>Assessment of Impacts</p>	
<p>Examine the relevant data and analyse the likely impact of the policy or proposed policy on different racial groups.</p> <p>It may be helpful to share information, practice and experiences with other local authorities.</p> <p>At this stage you will need to have at least a very basic level of understanding about</p>	<p>There will be no disproportionate effects on racial groups. Any effects will be positive, for instance by reducing fear of street crime, which may or may not be racially motivated</p>

equality and diversity and the different types of discrimination and the legislative framework. If you require training and support when you get to this point – contact the Equalities Unit for help.	
Does this difference amount to an adverse impact or unlawful discrimination?	No. Any effects would be positive
Consideration of measures to mitigate or limit any adverse impact as well as alternative policies that might better achieve the promotion of equality of opportunity.	
If adverse impact has been identified how can this effect be removed or limited?	NA
What and how will you make changes to the policy or to the way the policy is implemented?	The policy will take account of stakeholders' views, particularly disabled groups. Alternative transport remains available and will not be compromised by the walking strategy
If the policy or the way it is to be delivered wont were changed note here what checks have you made to ensure this does not amount to unlawful discrimination?	Reference to Mobility Panel, The policy to promote walking as sustainable transport will not change
List here the people / groups you have asked and consulted.	See LTP consultation appendix and list of LTP event attendees

Formal consultation	
List here which stages of the process you undertook consultation and who was involved	As per accessibility planning Regular consultation takes place through Mobility Panel – see above. DISTILLATE project (University of Westminster) will provide further consultation tools.
What was the outcome of the consultation?	General support for the LTP's proposed walking promotion measures
What effect did the consultation have on the impact assessment	Greater consideration of community safety issues, including walking between bus stops and home. With particular reference to women's safety..
Making a decision in the light of data, alternatives and consultation	
How has the impact assessment (data, etc) and consultation affected your decision – list here what changes or measures have been put in place as a result	Greater reference to lighting and CCTV around primary walking routs. This will be stressed particularly within the town centre, resort area and public transport interchange areas, also the proposed key pedestrian route project.
Summarise here how the policy was decided on and its intended benefits and effects are	Policy is derived in order to support a balanced sustainable transport programme and in response to Government guidance on LTP's . This is further developed by officers informed by the consultation described above
Monitor for adverse impact in the future and publication of the results of monitoring	
List here monitoring arrangements	Monitoring walking is accepted as the hardest monitoring test to do; this will be accomplished using a manual count programme. This will be a key area within the key pedestrian route project.

List here review arrangements	The Local Transport Plan is reviewed each year by the Annual Progress Report
Publication of results	
Set out how the results of the impact assessment will be published	Within the Local Transport Plan technical appendices
List here how you will ensure this is available in a user-friendly way	Translation , Braille, large print and other versions are available on request