

(CCC) Socio-Economic Duty

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2. Does your local authority consider socio-economic status within all its Equality Impact Assessments and equality frameworks? Please provide any relevant documentation to support your response.
3. Has your local authority made a commitment to considering socio-economic status more broadly in strategic decision-making and policy development? Please provide any relevant documentation to support your response.
4. If your local authority has formally adopted the socio-economic duty (as described in question 1), please describe how the council has implemented the duty, or provide details relating to any future plans it has for implementation.
5. If your local authority has not formally adopted the socio-economic duty (as described in question 1), are there future plans to adopt it? If so, please indicate the timeline that this will happen within.

Response

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Cambridge City Council has not formally adopted the socio-economic duty.

2. Does your local authority consider socio-economic status within all its Equality Impact Assessments and equality frameworks? Please provide any relevant documentation to support your response.

Yes. The Council has a standard template for Equality Impact Assessments (attached), which all officers are required to use to assess the impacts of new policies and projects. In addition to the protected characteristics identified in the Equality Act 2010, Section 10 (j) of the EqIA form requires officers to assess 'Other factors that may lead to inequality – in particular, please consider the impact of any changes on: Low-income groups or those experiencing the impacts of poverty'.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk