SSA EQUALITY IMPACT AND NEEDS ANALYSIS

Directorate	Finance
Service Area	Finance – Cost of Living
Service/policy/function being assessed	Cost of Living Programme – Money Hubs project
	under Financial Resilience Workstream
Which borough (s) does the service/policy apply to	Wandsworth
Staff involved in developing this EINA	Rebecca Burmiston
Date approved by Directorate Equality Group (if applicable)	
Date approved by Policy and Review Manager	26 September 2024
All EINAs must be signed off by the Policy and Review	
Manager	
Date submitted to Directors' Board	

1. Summary

November 2023's Cost of Living report to Wandsworth's Finance Committee states "A common reflection on the government support available during the Cost of Living Crisis, and on the benefits system more generally, is that it is complex, fragmented and confusing to understand." Residents frequently present with multiple Cost of Living Issues.

A Money Hub approach would bring together a team of officers with different specialisms (e.g. Crisis Support, Benefits Advice, Housing Advice) to enable residents to access the support they require in one contact, rather than having to separately contact teams across the council. Officers in the Money Hub will take a holistic view of residents' circumstances through trauma-informed and relationship-building conversations to provide the most appropriate support. Data-informed outreach will be undertaken to reach residents who will benefit the most from being supported by the Money Hub.

An initial pilot will take place on the Alton Estate in Roehampton. This will be a roadshow followed by casework with residents identified as most needing support via the roadshow. Learning from this initial pilot will be used to inform future Money Hub events, casework, and projects in Roehampton and elsewhere in the borough.

The Alton estate has a higher proportion of people with disabilities, women, people who are separated or divorced, from ethnic minorities, Muslim, and unpaid carers than Wandsworth as a whole. The Alton Estate has a lower proportion of people in employment, people with no religion/belief and older residents than Wandsworth as a whole.

Wandsworth has a higher proportion of people of working age, women, people who have never married/registered a civil partnership, residents with no religion/belief, white residents, and people in employment than London as a whole. Wandsworth has a lower proportion of people with disabilities, households with children, unpaid carers, and single parents than London as a whole.

Likely positive impacts across protected groups are that the council can reach residents most in need, residents from pilot cohorts can access support more easily and residents can be supported to increase their longer-term financial resilience. Specific protected groups may also benefit from targeted financial support e.g. pension credit for older residents.

Likely negative impacts are that pilot cohorts may not be representative of protected groups, and that residents from some protected group may not be able to access support through some methods of communication. These impacts will be mitigated by reviewing whether the demographics of the pilot cohorts match the borough as a whole, and considering the best ways to contact specific residents.

2. Evidence gathering and engagement

a. What evidence has been used for this assessment? For example, national data, local data via DataRich or DataWand

Evidence	Source
2021 Census	Office for National Statistics (ONS)
2021 Census	DataWand
2021 Conception Statistics	Office for National Statistics (ONS)
2021 Census – Custom profile of area around the	Office for National Statistics (ONS) custom area profile
Alton estate	builder
DWP Benefit combinations data	Benefit Combinations: Official Statistics to August
	<u>2023 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>
UK Government Ethnicity Facts and Figures data on	State support - GOV.UK Ethnicity facts and figures
State Support	(ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk)
DWP Benefit statistics – August 2024	DWP benefits statistics: August 2024 - GOV.UK
	(www.gov.uk)

b. Who have you engaged and consulted with as part of your assessment?

Individuals/Groups	Consultation/Engagement results	Date	What changed as a result of the consultation
Policy and Review Team	Feedback on adjustments to the EINA and additional factors to consider	12/6/24	Number of adjustments to different areas, including adding data on the Alton Estate specifically and additional mitigations for a number of groups
Money Hubs Working Group	Feedback on additional mitigations which could be made to mitigate potential negative impacts of the roadshow and casework approaches	13/6/24	Additional mitigations considered for a number of groups
Citizens Advice Richmond	Feedback on mitigations to consider in roadshow and casework approach	17/5/24	Feedback that disabled people/those claiming PiP may be a helpful group to

			consider targeting for casework
Citizens Advice Wandsworth	Feedback on mitigations to consider in roadshow and casework approach	23/5/24	Feedback that groups who are intersectionally marginalised may be less likely to access support and so could be a target group

3. Analysis of need

Potential impact on this group of residents and actions taken to mitigate impact and advance equality, diversity and inclusion

	Findings					
Age	Census 2021 data:	Census 2021 data:				
		Estate lation %	Wandswo population		population %	
	0-14 21%		15.7%	18.1%		
	15-64 78.89	6	74.8%	70%		
	65+ 7.2%		9.6%	11.9%		
	Wandsworth has a higher proportion of the largest age group (15-64), but a lower percentage of the oldest group (64+) and the youngest group (0-14) compared to London as a whole. The Alton estate has a higher proportion of the younger and working age age-groups, but a lower percentage of the oldest group compared to London and Wandsworth.					
Disability	Census 2021 data:					
	Cohort		estate ation %	Wandsworth population %	London population %	
	Disabled under the equality act: day-to-day activities limited a lot	15.8%	ć	4.5%	5.8%	
	Disabled under the equality act: day-to-day activities limited a little	,		6.9%	7.5%	
	Not disabled under the equality act	84.2%	ó	88.6%	86.8%	

		as a might but	centa	age of people with	disabilities than London
	and Wandsworth as a whole.				
Sex	Census 2021 data:				
	Gender	Alton estate	Wa	ndsworth	London
		opulation %	pop	oulation %	population %
	Female 5	52.9%	52.	6%	51.5%
	Male	17.1%	47.	4%	48.5%
	Wandsworth has a				
	London.	as a nigner pro	portio	on of females thai	n Wandsworth and
Gender reassignment	Census 2021 data:				
_	Gender identity			Wandsworth	London population
				population %	%
	Gender identity t	ne same as sex		92.3%	91.2%
	registered at birth	า			
	Gender identity d	ifferent from s	ex	0.6%	0.9%
	registered at birth	า			
	Not answered			6.5%	7.9%
Marriage and civil	question.	ne in wanaswa		ana i onaon aia na	t answer this census
				ana London did no	t answer this census
_	Census 2021 data:	Alton estate			
partnership		Alton estate	.	Wandsworth	London
_	Census 2021 data: Status Never married or registered a civil	population	.		
_	Census 2021 data: Status Never married or	population	.	Wandsworth population %	London population %
_	Census 2021 data: Status Never married or registered a civil partnership Married or in a registered civil	population 54.1%	.	Wandsworth population % 55.8%	London population % 46.2%
_	Census 2021 data: Status Never married or registered a civil partnership Married or in a registered civil partnership Separated, but still legally married or in a	54.1% 30.8%	.	Wandsworth population % 55.8%	London population % 46.2%

Wandsworth has a higher proportion of people who have never married or registered a civil partnership than London as a whole. It has a lower proportion of people in all sub-categories of those who have married or registered a civil partnership than London as a whole.

The Alton estate has a similar proportion of people who have never married or registered a civil partnership, or who are widowed or a surviving civil partnership partner, than Wandsworth. It has a lower proportion of people who are married or in a civil partnership than Wandsworth and London, and a higher proportion of people who are separated or divorced/civil partnership dissolved than Wandsworth and London.

Pregnancy and maternity

ONS Conceptions 2021 data

Metric	Wandsworth population %	London population %
% of women age 15-44 conceiving in 2021	5.7%	7.1%

Wandsworth has a lower proportion of women age 15-44 conceiving than London as a whole.

Census 2021 Data (Note that the ONS states there are quality considerations around the consistency of this data)

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Household composition	Wandsworth population	London population %
	%	
At least one dependent	24.9%	31.3%
child		
All children non-	7.7%	11.2%
dependent		
No children	51.9%	47.8%
Unclear from available	15.5%	9.7%
data whether there are		
dependent children		

Wandsworth has a lower proportion of households with children than London as a whole.

Race/ethnicity

Census 2021 data

Ethnic group	Alton estate	Wandsworth	London
	population %	population %	population %
Asian, Asian British or	18.8%	11.7%	20.7%
Asian Welsh			
Black, Black British,	19.1%	10.1%	13.5%
Black Welsh, Caribbean			
or African			
Mixed or Multiple	8.9%	6.3%	5.7%
ethnic groups			
White	45.4%	67.8%	53.8%
Other ethnic group	7.7%	4.1%	6.3%

	Wandsworth has a higher of residents from other			s (and a lower proportion and as a whole.
	higher on the Alton esta	ortion of residen te than London	ts from each otl and Wandswor	nts than London and her specific ethic group is th, except for Asian, Asian on than the Alton estate.
Religion and belief,	Census 2021 data			
including non belief	Overall religion/belief	Alton estate population %	Wandsworth population 9	
	Has a religion/belief	69.2%	56.6%	66%
	No religion/belief	24.2%	36.2%	27.1%
	Not answered	6.6%	7.2%	7%
	Religion	Alton estate population %	Wandsworth population %	London population %
	Christian	41.9%	42.6%	40.7%
	Buddhist	0.9%	0.7%	0.9%
	Hindu	0.8%	2%	5.1%
	Jewish	0.2%	0.5%	1.7%
	Muslim	24.3%	9.9%	15%
	Sikh	0.4%	0.3%	1.6%
	Other religion	0.6%	0.6%	1%
Sexual orientation	Wandsworth has a higher London as a whole. The Alton estate has a higher Wandsworth and London proportion of Muslims to Census 2021	igher proportion n. The Alton est	n of residents w ate also has a si	ith a religion/belief than
	Orientation	Wandswort %	h population	London population %
	Straight/heterosexual	86.5%		86.2%
	Gay or lesbian	3.1%		2.2%
	Bisexual	1.7%	_	1.3%
	Pansexual	0.1%		0.1%
	Asexual	0.1%		0.1%
	Queer	0.1%		0.03%
	All other sexual	0.2%		0.1%
Assessment and a 11	orientations	hla facette e t		
Across groups i.e older	No data currently availa		_	the most likely to receive
LGBT service users or Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic	state support and most			the most likely to receive
young men.	state support and most	incly to receive	non-income rei	מנכט שכווכוונג שנוו מג
young men.	<u> </u>			

State Pension, with families from Bangladeshi and black ethnic groups most likely to receive income-related benefits such as help with housing.

National level data also shows that of working age claimants, two thirds of those claiming Carer's allowance were also claiming another benefit. Three quarters of working age claimants of PIP/DLA (for a longer term disability or ill health) were also claiming another benefit.

National level data shows two thirds of those claiming pension credit are women.

Socio-economic status (to be treated as a protected characteristic under Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010) Include the following groups:

- Deprivation (measured by the 2019 English Indices of Deprivation)
- Low-income groups & employment
- Carers
- Care experienced people
- Single parents
- Health inequalities
- Refugee status

Deprivation

2019 English Indices of Deprivation

LSOAs by decile	Wandsworth population %
Decile 1 (most deprived)	0%
Decile 2	4.5%
Decile 3	8.9%
Decile 4	10.1%
Decile 5	13.4%
Decile 6	17.3%
Decile 7	15.1%
Decile 8	12.8%
Decile 9	12.8%
Decile 10	5%

The areas within decile 2 are in the wards of Furzedown, Latchmere, Tooting and Roehampton and Putney Heath. Overall, Wandsworth ranks 173/317 of all local authorities in England on the Index of Multiple Deprivation, which is in the 50% least deprived authorities and the least deprived one third of London boroughs.

The Alton estate is spread across parts of six LSOA areas. These are two LSOAs within decile 2 and four LSOAs within decile 4. This means all LSOAs covering the Alton estate are within the 40% most deprived areas of England. According to ONS data, 69.4% of households on the Alton estate are deprived in some way, compared to 51.2% in England as a whole and 41.6% in Wandsworth.

Low income groups and employment

Census 2021 and IMD 2019

	Alton estate	Wandsworth	London
	population %	population %	population %
% of people in	54.3%	69.6%	61.4%
employment			
% of population	Data not available	10.7%	Data not available
who are income-			
deprived			

Wandsworth was the local authority in England with the highest percentage of people age 16 and over in employment.

The Alton estate has a lower percentage of people in employment than Wandsworth and London.

<u>Carers</u>

Census 2021

Hours of unpaid	Alton estate	Wandsworth	London
care per week	population %	population %	population %
9 or less	3.1%	3.1%	3.6%
10 to 19			
20 to 34	2%	1.3%	1.7%
35 to 49			
50 or more	2%	1.4%	2%
Not an unpaid	92.9%	94.2%	92.7%
carer			

Wandsworth has a lower proportion of unpaid carers than London as a whole. The Alton estate has a higher proportion of unpaid carers than Wandsworth, and a similar proportion to London. Unpaid on the Alton estate are likely to be doing more hours of unpaid care than those in Wandsworth and London.

<u>Care-experienced people</u>

JSNA 2017/2018 Data

There has been a sharp increase in Children Looked After (CLA), with the rate in 2017 being highest of the last ten years. In March 2017 there were 289 Children Looked After. The majority (69%) of the CLA population continues to be black and minority ethnic (BME) and older children.

Single parents

Census 2021

Household composition	Wandsworth population	London population %
	%	
Lone parent –	6%	7.8%
dependent children		
Lone parent – non-	4.2%	5.4%
dependent children		

Wandsworth has a lower proportion of single parents than London as a whole.

Health Inequalities

Office for National Statistics

Life expectancy at birth	Wandsworth population	England population
Females (least deprived decile)	88.7 years	86.3 years
Females (most deprived decile)	81.6 years	78.3 years

Males (least deprived decile)	83.4 years	83.2 years
Males (most deprived decile)	76.6 years	73.5 years

Refugee Status

Home Office Immigration System Statistics

As of 31/3/23, there were 63 asylum seekers in receipt of support by Wandsworth council, and 26,098 in receipt of support by councils across London. From 2019 Q1 to 2023 Q1, 21 refugees were resettled by Wandsworth council compared to 487 across London as a whole. This data does not include all routes of resettlement.

Data gaps

Data gap(s)	How will this be addressed?
Across groups	If any new data is published, it will be picked up as part of the EINA.

4. Impact

specifically targeted for them, such as support on pension credit or attendance allowance. over/underrepresented, and more specific actions will arise from this.

In addition, the following potential negative impacts have been identified for specific age groups:

- Older residents are more likely to be digitally excluded, meanly a solely virtual Money Hub may be harder for them to access. A variety of ways of contacting residents will be considered when pilot cohorts are chosen, such as letters, phone calls and emails.
- Older residents may have difficult physically accessing the pilot roadshow event. The event location should be considered to ensure it is physically easy to reach, has adequate parking space and is public transport routes.

Disability

As above re: key project benefits for all residents. In addition, the following benefits have been identified for this group:

- Disabled residents (if selected within the pilot cohorts) will be able to access support specifically targeted for them, such as support on personal independence payments.
- It may be possible to have support services for mental health or physical disabilities present at the roadshow or linking into the casework approach. This would allow residents who have need of these services to access them more easily.

As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. In addition, the following potential negative impacts have been identified for this group:

- Depending on their disability, disabled residents may find it difficult to access information in specific formats. The Money Hub team will consider a variety of ways of contacting residents and decide which is the most accessible for each specific resident.
- Depending on their disability, residents may have difficult physically accessing the pilot roadshow event. The event location should be considered to ensure it is physically easy to reach, has adequate parking space and is public transport

Sex	As above re: key project benefits for all residents. In addition, the following benefits have been identified for this group: • Women are more likely to having caring responsibilities, including for children. If selected within the pilot cohorts, they will be able to access support specifically targeted at those with caring responsibilities, such as support accessing child benefit or carer's allowance.	routes. There should also be seated areas. Depending on their disability, residents may find it difficult to have conversations or hear what others are saying in a busy room. Stalls at the roadshow should have written material they can provide and signpost residents to where they can have 1-1 conversations with council teams or VCS organisations outside of the roadshow if needed. Neurodiverse residents may find it difficult to be in busy spaces. Stalls at the roadshow should have written material they can provide and signpost residents to where they can have 1-1 conversations with council teams or VCS organisations outside of the roadshow if needed. There should also be a quiet space at the event venue if possible. As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. Women are more likely than men to have caring responsibilities. This means that the roadshow and any follow-up casework should occur at times when those with children or other caring responsibilities are available to attend.
Gender reassignment	As above re: key project benefits for all residents. No benefits have been identified for this specific group.	As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. • Residents who have undergone gender reassignment may not feel comfortable discussing this (where it relates to financial

		issues, they are seeking support for) in a busy space. There should be a more private area for personal discussions, or stalls should be able to follow up with residents after the event to discuss more sensitive issues privately.
Marriage and civil partnership	As above re: key project benefits for all residents. No benefits have been identified for this specific group.	As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. No negative impacts have been identified for this specific group.
Pregnancy and maternity	As above re: key project benefits for all residents. In addition, the following benefits have been identified for this group: • People who are pregnant/have children (if selected within the pilot cohorts) will be able to access support specifically targeted for them, such as Healthy Start vouchers.	As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. • Residents who are pregnant or have recently given birth may find it difficult to stand for long periods of time. There should be a seated area at the roadshow event.
Race/ethnicity	As above re: key project benefits for all residents. No benefits have been identified for this specific group.	As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. No negative impacts have been identified for this specific group.
Religion and belief, including non belief	As above re: key project benefits for all residents. No benefits have been identified for this specific group.	As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. No negative impacts have been identified for this specific group.
Sexual orientation	As above re: key project benefits for all residents. No benefits have been identified for this specific group.	As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. • Residents may not feel comfortable discussing their sexual orientation (where it relates to financial issues they are seeking support for) in a busy space. There should be a more private area for personal

		discussions, or stalls should be able to follow up with residents after the event to discuss more sensitive issues privately.
Deprivation (measured by the 2019 English Indices of Deprivation)	As above re: key project benefits for all residents. In addition, the following benefits have been identified for this group: • Depending on the pilot cohorts selected, support is likely to be targeted towards residents living in more deprived areas.	As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. No negative impacts have been identified for this specific group.
Low-income groups & employment	As above re: key project benefits for all residents. In addition, the following benefits have been identified for this group: • Depending on the pilot cohorts selected, support is likely to be targeted towards residents with lower income. The Money Hubs team can then work with them to explore ways they can increase their income.	As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. • People on lower incomes are more likely to be on shift work. The timing of the event should be considered to allow those on lower incomes to attend. • People on lower incomes are more likely to rely on public transport and less likely to be able to pay to travel to an event. The location of the event should be easily accessible by public transport and close to where the target attendees live.
Carers	As above re: key project benefits for all residents. In addition, the following benefits have been identified for this group: • People with caring responsibilities (if selected within the pilot cohorts) will be able to access support specifically targeted for them, such as support on carers' allowance.	As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. • The roadshow and any subsequent casework should take place at a time when those with caring responsibilities are able to attend.
Care experienced people	As above re: key project benefits for all residents. • There is potential for roadshow stalls and casework officers to	As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. No negative impacts

	link into the wider Wandsworth local offer for care-experienced people, helping them to access support.	have been identified for this specific group.
Single parents	As above re: key project benefits for all residents. In addition, the following benefits have been identified for this group: • Single parents (if selected within the pilot cohorts) will be able to access support specifically targeted for them, such as support on child benefit.	As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. • The roadshow and any subsequent casework should take place at a time when single parents are able to attend. Children should be able to attend the roadshow accompanied by a responsible adult if this is necessary for the adult to attend, and there should be sufficient space for this.
Health inequalities	As above re: key project benefits for all residents. In addition, the following benefits have been identified for this group: • People with health problems (if selected within the pilot cohorts) will be able to access support specifically targeted for them, such as free NHS prescriptions.	As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. No negative impacts have been identified for this specific group.
Refugee status	As above re: key project benefits for all residents if residents have recourse to public funds. If residents have NRPF (No Recourse to Public Funds) they may not be able to access the same benefits or level of support.	As above re: potential negative project impacts across protected characteristics. • Residents who are refugees are more likely to have English as a second language or not speak English. Interpreters could be used at the roadshow and during casework appointments to support these residents to better understand the options available to them. The specific languages of the

	interpreters can vary depending on the roadshow location and the needs of the population in that area.

5. Actions to advance equality, diversity and inclusion

Action	Lead Officer	Deadline
Keep under review whether target cohorts disproportionately feature	Alix Wilson /	Following roadshow
residents from specific demographics, and whether this is appropriate.	Rebecca	(30/9/24)
	Burmiston	
Consider different methods of contacting residents, and how each of	Alix Wilson /	Roadshow (30/9/24)
these methods will be used depending on the specific needs of	Rebecca	
individual residents.	Burmiston	
Consider the timing of the roadshow/any subsequent pilot events to	Alix Wilson /	Complete – to trial
allow those with caring responsibilities to attend. This could include	Rebecca	different times for
allowing children to attend if they are with a responsible adult who is	Burmiston	future events
attending.		
Consider groups (e.g. those who find it difficult to hear conversations	Alix Wilson /	Roadshow (30/9/24)
in a crowded room) who may struggle to have fruitful conversations in	Rebecca	
a roadshow environment, and encourage stalls to signpost towards	Burmiston	
other options for conversations where needed.		

6. Further Consultation (optional section – complete as appropriate)

Consultation planned	Date of consultation
Feedback will be sought from residents and stallholders after the roadshow and after casework is undertaken.	Following roadshow (30/9/24)
Feedback will be sought from residents following the launch of any further Money Hubs pilot projects	TBC