



**Basingstoke
and Deane**

Equality Impact Assessment Validation Decision Notice

EIA Reference Number	13/2011
Service, policy, or strategy	Efficiency Review of Strategy and Innovation Business Unit
Element(s) assessed	Domestic violence forum coordination
Names of Assessors	Therese Lawlor and June Balcombe

Consider:

	Yes	No
Was discrimination or disadvantage identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was the service promoting equality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Could the service be improved in promoting equality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the customers' needs understood and met?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there good evidence and/or reasoning to support the decisions on whether groups are/aren't affected?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the summary report properly reflect the key findings of the assessment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the summary report clear and easy to understand?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If improvements have been identified, do they reflect and deal with the key findings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The decision is to: **Validate** **Not validate**

The reason/s for the decision are: *please give details below*

- Validation given – information correct
- Not validated – decision not to proceed as EIA incorrect
- Not validated - screening error
- Not validated – research/consultation error
- Not validated – improvement error

Signed *K. Balcombe*

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Date *9/3/11*

Briefing Note

<i>Name of service, policy, or strategy being considered</i>	Efficiency Review of Strategy and Innovation Business Unit
<i>Element(s) being considered</i>	Domestic violence forum coordination
<i>Date of meeting</i>	27 January 2010
<i>Name of assessors</i>	Therese Lawlor and June Balcombe

The Assessment

During the review of Strategy and Innovation, the coordination of the domestic violence forum was discussed. It was decided that the post was no longer necessary and would be offered up as a saving, but the function would remain and be provided by other members of the community safety team. A review team of 3 independent officers considered the needs of the service and the resources available within the community safety team.

Assessment Findings

The assessment found that the coordination role for the domestic violence forum could be provided from within existing resources of the community safety team, and that skills were available in-house to provide the function. It was agreed that other agencies in the community safety partnership would be approached to explore what additionality they could bring to the service.

Justification

Because the function is remaining, but the post is not, officers considered it unnecessary to conduct a full EIA.