

**Disability Equality Impact Assessment
Record Sheet**

Policy or Action Title:	Proposal 27 Democratic Engagement				
Policy Action owner Name & Title:	Linda Todd Support Manager				
Date:	27 January 2011				
Type of assessment(✓)	Type 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this a policy or an action (please state)	This is an action to reduce resources used for democratic engagement by £30,000				

What evidence supports this?
<p>This will lead to the following reductions as set out in documentation relating to this proposal.</p> <p>Town Hall Events for Schools, Town Hall Treasure Hunts; Junior Mayor and Mayoress; I'm a Councillor Get me out of Here; Shadowing Cabinet Members; Question Time events; College events; democracy matters Newsletter; Democratic Engagement Stands at events; Political Speed Dating Events; Local Democracy Week Events will cease and we will stop providing secretariat for Parish Councils/Parish Meetings Association. Support for Parishes Council Elections will cease or support will be charged for.</p> <p>The saving for this proposal is £39,000 and relates to one full time post.</p>

What are the positive and/or negative effects that the policy or action will have on disabled people?

There are no specific outcomes affecting disabled people although this will depend on what happens longer term particularly in relation to parish councils. It may be that there is a reduction in the ability to influence policy if for example Parish Councils reduced the way they operated in any way but this would need an impact assessment at that point.

Who was involved? (state names/organisations/disability e.g. sensory impairment, impaired mobility, wheelchair user, etc)

Mary Hall, Darlington Borough Council,
Shirley Burton, Democratic Services, Darlington Borough Council
Gordon Pybus, Chair, Disability Equality Impact Assessment Sub-Group
Hazel Thompson, Manager, eVolution

What action will be taken as a result of the impact assessment?

No action is required unless implementation of the changes causes Parish Councils to change their way of working when they would be responsible for undertaking impact assessments.

How and when will this action be monitored?

Democratic Services at Darlington Borough Council to raise the issue of impact assessments with Parish Councils if required.

Please tick [✓] as many of the following as the policy or action will achieve.

Promote equality of opportunity	✓
Eliminate unlawful discrimination	✓
Eliminate disability-related harassment	
Promote positive attitudes towards disabled people	
Encourage participation by disabled people in public life	
Take steps to meet disabled people's needs	