

Community Impact Assessment Form

Name of Strategy/Policy:	Revitalising Rossendale Markets - Recommendations for the Future of Haslingden Market	
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1. Impact Assessment – Policy and Target Outcomes

a)

The Revitalising Rossendale Markets Report aims to:

- Update Cabinet on the progress of the Revitalising Rossendale Markets Strategy
- Provide options and recommendations on the future of Haslingden Market, having regard to the decline in market usage and the take up of stalls despite considerable support and promotion, the number of markets on offer within rossendale, and the subsequent cost of currently subsidising the market.

Cabinet will consider the recommendations and make a decision as to the future of Haslingden Market, including closing the market (with or without a support package or alternative market) and supporting the traders to take over the market.

b) Is the policy or decision under review (please tick)

New/proposed

Modified/adapted

Existing

c) Main or intended groups identified as beneficiaries, targets or users of (or affected in any other way) this strategy, policy, project, procedure or decision?
Please specify in box below:

Main beneficiaries:

Customers and members of the Community

d) Please detail below specific equality groups who will be the main beneficiaries, targets and users of this strategy, policy, project, procedure or decision, or who will be affected in any other way.

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Key equality groups as main beneficiaries or affected in any other way (where appropriate):

Older People
Families with young children
People with low incomes
Those isolated through lack of transport

e) To assist with the assessment you may need to consider collecting the following information, before completing the table in Section 2:

- Consultation feedback from market traders, customers and local businesses obtained through questionnaires.
- Feedback from consultation stand at Community Environment Fair November 2010.
- Feedback from elected members following briefing email.
- Frontline employee feedback obtained through team meetings and one to one sessions
- Financial data
- Management data e.g. numbers and types of stalls
- Customer monitoring data including numbers visiting the market and their demographics
- Local data

f) Is further consultation, data collection or research still required?

Yes

No

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2. Impact – Evidence

Using the table below please tick whether you have evidence that the policy/strategy/decision has a negative, positive or neutral impact **from an equalities perspective** on any of the equality groups listed below.

		Positive Impact – (It could benefit)	Negative Impact – (It could disadvantage)	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
Gender	Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Men	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Race (Ethnicity or Nationality)	Asian or Asian British people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Feedback from Haslingden traders suggests that some specialised fruit and vegetable produce is purchased in particular by Bangladeshi customers who choose to shop at Haslingden Market rather than elsewhere. At this stage, alternative provision is available at Rawtenstall market and Burnley, both of which can be accessed by public transport routes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Black or black British people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Chinese or other ethnic people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Irish people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	White people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Chinese people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other minority communities not listed above (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Disability	Physical/learning/mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The market is easily accessible in the town centre and caters for	<input type="checkbox"/>

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		Positive Impact – (It could benefit)	Negative Impact – (It could disadvantage)	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
				those who have limited transport. Alternative provision is available at local shops in Haslingden.	
Sexuality	Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gender Identity	Transgender people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Age	Older people (60+)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consultation feedback suggests that the market is well used by older people, because it is easily accessible, transport is not required, and they have been shopping on the market for many years. Alternative provision is available at local shops in local shops in Haslingden.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Younger people (17-25), and children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consultation feedback suggests that families with young children use the market, particularly because it is easily accessible without transport. Alternative provision is available at local shops in Haslingden.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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		Positive Impact – (It could benefit)	Negative Impact – (It could disadvantage)	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
Belief	Faith groups *	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Groups (e.g. carers, rurally isolated, gypsies & roma travellers, people on low incomes)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Feedback suggests that people without access to transport use the market as it is centrally located and easily accessible.</p> <p>The market is also used by people with low incomes because transport is not required or is minimal, and products can be bought individually or specific quantities (rather than in bulk).</p> <p>Alternative provision is available at local shops in local shops in Haslingden.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Impact – Nature/Type

a) Could you further improve the strategy, project, policy, procedure or decision’s positive or neutral impact? If “Yes”, this should be detailed in the Action Plan.

YES NO

b) You need to think about how you can mitigate any adverse or negative impact(s) of the proposal, or how you might use the policy, strategy, project, procedure or decision to promote a positive impact. You must consider whether you have identified that this proposal has a:

Key Actions:
The following options would mitigate the adverse impact of making any changes to Haslingden Market's service provision:

- explore the viability of market traders taking over the running of the market, and if viable, support the market traders to set up a social enterprise and lease the market from the council;
- support the market traders to re-locate their businesses in Haslingden Town Centre
- establish a regular street market in Haslingden Town Centre, with incentives for existing market traders;
- explore ability for private operator to take over running of the market.
- publicise the town centres and the variety of retail available for shoppers, including trying to address specialist provision e.g. for Bangladeshi customers
- publicise public transport available to other shopping centres

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3. Impact Assessment - Summary

Key Findings

Please list the major outcomes/results/findings of this assessment in relation to equality which require action by the Council detailing these in the Action Plan at the back at this document. If no specific actions have been identified please detail your key findings below:

Key Findings:
The need to communicate any changes to the market
The need to explore alternatives rather than closing the market
The need to support the traders

4. Impact Assessment – Further Action

Please give the details of the monitoring/evaluation/review process that has/will be set up to check the successful implementation of the policy, project, strategy or decision including improved outcomes/impact and identify the review date.

Evaluation/ monitoring/ review process:
The matter should be reviewed following Cabinet decision in January 2011.

Review Date: January 2011

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6. IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACTION PLAN

Please list below any recommendations for action that you plan to take as a result of this impact assessment (refer to Sections 3 & 4).

Issue	Action required	Lead officer	Timescale	Resource implications	Comments
Widely communicate any change to provision in relation to Haslingden Market	Communication Strategy developed	Catherine Price / Gillian Hoyle	As soon as possible from decision being made	Officer time	
Explore alternative options to closure.	Detailed Action Plan to be developed and delivered once decision made	Catherine Price	Action plan to be developed as soon as possible from decision being made. Action plan followed to completion.	Officer time, continuation of financial support to market	
Report to cabinet on progress with alternative options explored	Option explored and report prepared for Cabinet	Catherine Price	June / July 2011	Officer time	
Closure of Market	Action plan to be developed, including mitigating	Catherine Price	By 1 st April 2011	Officer time, financial resources re mitigating	

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	actions where possible			actions	
Explore relocating and support arrangements for Haslingden traders					

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