

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening



As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

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| Directorate: Citizens and Communities | Service area: Entertainment Licensing |
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1. Title:

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

Service / Function

Other

If other, please specify

The Late Night Levy is an additional payment from business to contribute towards the cost of policing the night time environment.

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

The late night levy is a power conferred on licensing authorities under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. This enables licensing authorities to charge a levy to persons who are licensed to sell alcohol late at night in the authority's area, as a means of raising a financial contribution towards the costs of policing the late-night economy.

The levy will be payable by the holders of any premises licence or club premises certificate in the whole of the Leeds district which authorise the sale or supply of alcohol on any days during the late night supply period beginning at or after midnight and ending at or before 6am.

The decision to introduce a levy is for the licensing authority to make. The licensing

authority will decide the design of the levy. This includes the late night supply period, any exemptions or reductions that may apply and the proportion of revenue (minimum 70%) after the licensing authority's costs are deducted, which will be paid to the Police & Crime Commissioner with the remainder being retained by the licensing authority to fund other activities.

The late night supply period must begin at or after midnight and end at or before 6am. The period can be for any length of time within these parameters but must be the same every day. If the licensing authority decides that it would be appropriate that certain types of premises should not pay the levy, they can set the late night supply period to suit the opening times of premises in their local area.

The licensing authority has the ability to use their discretion in respect of offering a reduction if a premises is part of a recognised scheme, or offering an exemption for certain types of premises.

The licensing authority must consider the desirability of introducing a levy in relation to the costs of policing and other arrangements for the reduction or prevention of crime and disorder, in connection with the supply of alcohol between midnight and 6am.

The Home Office has published guidance on the Late Night Levy which can be accessed online and is available in background papers.

The guidance suggests that the licensing authority should discuss the need for a levy with the relevant PCC and the relevant chief officer of police. The licensing authority will then decide whether to move to the next stage in the process and consult on its proposal to introduce a late night levy.

The consultation document will state its intention to introduce a levy, its proposed design, (including the late night supply period and proposed exemption and/or reduction categories) and the services that the licensing authority intends to fund with its share of the levy revenue.

The licensing authority will publish the consultation online and in a local newspaper. It will also send written details to the PCC, the relevant chief officer of police and all premises licence and club premises certificate holders whose authorisations permit the supply of alcohol during the period when it is proposed the levy will apply. The consultation is intended to be targeted at those affected by the levy, particularly businesses, the police, residents and other interested parties. The consultation process, including the period, is expected to be proportionate and targeted, so that the type and scale of engagement is relative to the potential impacts of the proposal.

The licensing authority will assess consultation responses and make a final decision about whether to introduce (or vary) the levy and if so, its design.

Once the decision to implement has been made, the licensing authority must inform all those affected, including the start date for the levy, the late night supply period, any exemption and deductions, and how the revenue will be shared between the Police and the licensing authority. Holders of relevant late night authorisations will

also be notified of the date before which any application for a minor variation must be made to the authority to reduce their licensed hours to avoid operating in the late night supply period.

The licensing authority must publish on its website an estimate of the costs it will deduct from the levy revenue each year.

The levy will apply indefinitely until the licensing authority decides the levy will cease to apply in its area.

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

All the council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).

| Questions | Yes | No |
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| Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics? | | X |
| Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal? | | X |
| Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom? | | X |
| Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices? | | X |
| Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment • Advancing equality of opportunity • Fostering good relations | | X |

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).

- **How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?** (think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)

- **Key findings** (think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)

- **Actions** (think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)

5. If you are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you will need to carry out an impact assessment.

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| Date to scope and plan your impact assessment: | |
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| Date to complete your impact assessment | |
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| Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title) | |
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6. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

| Name | Job title | Date |
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| Nicola Raper | Section Head | 22/07/2013 |

7. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If you are not carrying out an independent impact assessment the screening document will need to be published.

If this screening relates to a **Key Delegated Decision, Executive Board, full Council** or a **Significant Operational Decision** a copy should be emailed to Corporate Governance and will be published along with the relevant report.

A copy of **all other** screening's should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk. For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file (but not published).

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| Date screening completed | 22/07/2013 |
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| If relates to a Key Decision - date sent to Corporate Governance | 7/08/2013 |
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| Any other decision – date sent to Equality Team (equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk) | |
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