

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.

Directorate: Children’s Service	Service area: Built Environment
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1. Title: The relocation of existing modular accommodation to support the 2015 bulge cohorts.

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy
 Service / Function
 Other

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

- **Main aim**
The rapidly increasing birth rate in Leeds has resulted in the need to provide an additional amount of pupil places for reception age children across the city. A significant amount of internal remodelling and temporary modular accommodation is required to support this need. Where appropriate the relocation of existing modular accommodation will be considered to reduce the burden on the Capital budget. The relocation of any existing modular accommodation is to be delivered as part of a wider scheme across the city of Leeds.
- **Purpose**
A screening exercise has been carried out to determine if the relocation of existing modular accommodation owned by LCC will impact upon equality. Providing accommodation on school sites supports the Authority’s legal duty to provide a school place for every child and, where possible, in the school of parental preference.

The existing modular units currently at St Oswald's and Little London Primary Schools are a capital asset that is no longer needed to support the current building works at the respective schools. The relocation of this vital accommodation will support the 2015 bulge cohort in the Bramley & Stanningley and Harewood wards of Leeds.

The relocation of these assets will reduce the capital burden for the 2015 Bulge Cohorts.

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
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?		No
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?		No
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?	Yes	
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		No
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 	Yes	

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)

Consultation and Involvement

Consultation has taken place with key stakeholders throughout the development of the relocation of existing modular units that will be sited at Scholes and Bramley Primary school .

- **Consultation with Planning & Highways Officers**
Periodic discussions have taken place with colleagues at key junctures within the wider 2015 Bulge Cohort scheme. All comments have been incorporated into the final proposals for projects requiring planning submissions.
- **School Briefing Sessions**
The core school management team have been intrinsically involved in the development of the proposals and key considerations regarding accessibility of the design have been included for in the proposals by the design consultant. Further to this periodic update sessions have been held with staff as the designs have evolved to the final version.
- **Councillor Briefing Sessions**
Local ward members have been informed of the proposal via a briefing note and will be kept informed of progress. Any appropriate alterations or recommendations required have been included in the project.
- **School Governing Body**
The school governing body have been periodically updated on progress and allowed to feedback with comments as required.

- **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)

The existing modular accommodation have been used to support current building projects and found to have integrated into school life without any disruption or negative impact. The modular buildings have been designed with compliance to British building regulations, a requirement of which is the adherence to the Disability Discrimination Act and the associated building regulations linked to this legislation. In addition to this, please see Actions noted below.

The waiver report for which this EDCI report accompanies, requests the direct commissioning of Portakabin Ltd without additional competition. The waiver report highlights the advice offered by PPPU&PU to ensure the timely delivery of the units to ensure accommodation is ready for the start of the September term. No adverse impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration will be created as a result of the direct commissioning of Portakabin to relocate the existing modular units.

- **Actions**

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

Access to the Building

The school currently has good level access throughout the building. The relocation of the modular accommodation will support this principal and not impact on the existing access provision.

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

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	
Date to complete your impact assessment:	
Lead person for your impact assessment: (Include name and job title)	

6. Governance, ownership and approval

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

Name	Job title	Date
Nigel Wilson	Basic Need Programme Manager	18th June 2015

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.

Please send a copy to the Equality Team for publishing

Date screening completed	18 th June 2015
Date sent to Equality Team	18 th June 2015
Date published (To be completed by the Equality Team)	