

# 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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| <b>Lead person:</b><br>David Gold            | <b>Contact number:</b><br>07456 473981 |

## 1. Title:

Is this a:

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**Strategy / Policy**

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**Service / Function**

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**Other**

**If other, please specify**

Contract extension

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

The decision to extend the existing LCC framework contract for the provision of 'class 1' materials in relation to domestic heating installations.

## 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"> <li>• Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment</li> <li>• Advancing equality of opportunity</li> <li>• Fostering good relations</li> </ul> |     | 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)

The current domestic heating provision runs out 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 with the option to extend for a further 12 months. The report seeks an extension to this arrangement for the 12 months.

Extending the contract will have a positive impact by ensuring Housing Leeds is able to continue to provide new heating systems on a planned basis to all service users across the city.

- **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 approval to extend the contract will ensure that Housing Leeds remains faithful to its investment strategy, removing unreliable, inefficient, expensive to run and maintain appliances for high efficiency appliances.

This will also ensure Housing Leeds can also contribute to reducing fuel poverty in Leeds.

- **Actions**

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

Implementing the framework contract extension will have a positive impact on service users requiring this service and will enhance their homes' efficiency and comfort.

**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:                         |  |
| Date to complete your impact assessment                                |  |
| Lead person for your impact assessment<br>(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     |
|---------------|---------------------|----------|
| Adam Crampton | M&E Service Manager | 16-11-15 |

## **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](mailto:equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk). For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file (but not published).

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| <b>Date screening completed</b>  |  |
| If relates to a Key Decision - <b>date sent to Corporate Governance</b>            |  |
| Any other decision – <b>date sent to Equality Team (equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk)</b> |  |