

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 Services	Service area: Capacity Planning and Sufficiency
Lead person: Janet Carter	Contact number: 2475793

1. Title:
Park Spring Primary School

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

 Service / Function

 Other

If other, please specify
 Proposal to expand Park Spring Primary School from a capacity of 315 pupils to 420 pupils with an increase in the admission number from 45 to 60 with effect from September 2017.

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

Proposal to expand Park Spring Primary School from a capacity of 315 pupils to 420 pupils with an increase in the admission number from 45 to 60 with effect from September 2017.

This will involve physically expanding the school.

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?		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)

The proposal is to increase the number of places at Park Spring Primary School. The demographics of the area were considered when working up the proposal as were projections and it was concluded that additional capacity in this area is required. The types of schools in the area were also considered, to ensure we adhere to our legal duty of ensuring parents are offered choice and diversity.

We consulted those affected by this proposal in June 2015, including parents, governors and staff of the school and nearby schools, Councillors and local residents. All of those who responded who expressed a view (29 responses) supported the expansion of the school.

- **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)

Age – if the proposal is agreed a further 15 reception places would be created in the Pudsey/Swinnow area from September 2017 onwards and the school would grow from reception upwards over a period of 7 years.

Disability – any new accommodation would meet DDA guidelines

Choice and diversity – the proposal would have a positive impact on promoting choice and diversity

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

If the proposal is taken forward, the extra places will be made available in reception from September 2017, parents will therefore have the option of applying for these places or choosing alternative schools.

During the consultation period, all views and responses were considered equally.

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
Darren Crawley	Sufficiency Manager - Strategic	7 th Aug 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	7 th Aug 2015
If relates to a Key Decision send to Corporate Governance	20 th Aug 2015
Any other decision please send to Equality Team (equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk)	