

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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1. Title: Decision Report on the Low Road Primary School Expansion – Design and cost report

Is this a:

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Strategy / Policy

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Service / Function

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Other

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

- **Main aim**

1. As a consequence of the increasing birth rate in Leeds, it is necessary to provide additional school places at Low Road Primary School, increasing pupil numbers by an additional 70 places. The expansion to provision is planned to be available from September 2017.
2. The scheme will be completed under the City Council's Learning Places Programme which aims to ensure its statutory duties are met with respect to ensuring a school place for every child within the city.
3. The proposal for the extension to this school forms part of the on-going work to address capacity and sufficiency across all of Children's Services, which includes provision for primary and secondary school places, early years, as well as specialist provision. These proposals form part of the Council's Learning Places Programme that embeds the 'one council' approach that has achieved shared ownership of proposed solutions.

- **Purpose**

A screening exercise has been carried out to determine whether future building projects associated with this report have the potential to impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

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?	Yes	
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?		No
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 equality, diversity, cohesion and integration will be considered during each Basic Need project**

Consultation and Involvement

Consultation has and will continue to take place with the following key stakeholders throughout the development of the project:

- **Public consultation sessions**
A Public Consultation was held on 10 January 2017 when detailed plans were presented in relation to the submission of the planning application. Local residents and parents attended and commented.
- **Consultation with Planning & Highways Officers**
Periodic discussions have taken place with colleagues at key junctures within the project development and comments have been incorporated into the final planning and highways proposals.
- **School Briefing Sessions**
The core school management team have been involved in the development of the proposals and key considerations regarding accessibility have been included within the design.
- **Councillor Briefing Sessions**
Local ward members have been kept abreast of the design proposals and their subsequent development as the scheme progresses.
- **School Governing Body**
The school governing body will be regularly updated on progress and allowed to feedback with comments on an ad hoc basis.

- **Key findings**

The scheme has been designed to comply with British building regulations, a requirement of which is the adherence to the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and the associated building regulations linked to this legislation. As such

reasonable steps will be taken to improve level access within the building, in particular the stepped areas around the main entrance and hall.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions <p>The scheme will be assessed on an individual basis to ensure compliance with current DDA regulations. Existing access issues and other DDA related issues will be addressed where possible within the overall scope of works.</p>

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
Jill Gough	Head of Programme, Resources & Housing	

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	21/06/2017
Date sent to Equality Team	
Date published (To be completed by the Equality Team)	