

## Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration (EDCI) 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 or has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

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### 1. Title: A64 Bus, Walking & Cycling Corridor Project (Phase 1+)

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

Service / Function

Other

**If other, please specify**  
**Highways scheme**

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

Injection of an additional £2.3m in funding allocation from the Transforming Cities Fund towards the A64 Bus, Walking and Cycling project. Injection and approval to spend development funding of £561,000, and approval to amend the existing funding agreement with WYCA for this scheme, to reflect the additional development funding.

The project will provide a series of bus service improvements along the A64 corridor via new inbound bus lanes, traffic signal upgrades, junction improvements and real time information. Improved pedestrian and cycling crossing facilities are also to be provided at targeted locations.

### 3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

All the council's strategies and policies, service and functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater or 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. Also those areas that impact on or relate to equality: tackling poverty and improving health and well-being.

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"><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 (EDCI)

- **How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?**

Equality, diversity, cohesion and integration have been considered when designing the A64 bus walking and cycling corridor improvement project. The project aims to deliver improvements for bus services (journey time savings, reliability and passenger information), and also makes improvements for cycling, walking and wheeling through new and improved crossing facilities.

It is acknowledged that the designs are not complete, and so there may be some gaps within this EDCI screening document. The intention is to produce a further, more detailed screening document and/or full EIA, once the detailed designs are completed.

The project aims to deliver benefits for bus users along the corridor through journey time savings, improved reliability and improved real time passenger information. It is acknowledged that women, older people and younger people are more reliant on bus services and more likely to use buses - this is partly linked to the relative affordability of public transport and to likelihood of car ownership / ability to drive. The scheme benefits are therefore anticipated to disproportionately affect people with these characteristics.

The project also looks to deliver improved pedestrian crossing facilities. The pedestrian crossings at Inglewood Drive, Moresdale Lane, and Seacroft Avenue have been revised to enhance the provision for pedestrians crossing the carriageway, and improve safety. This is achieved through widened crossing space, realigned tactile arrangements and shorter or completely removed pedestrian staggers. These changes are anticipated to disproportionately benefit more vulnerable people who are walking and wheeling such as children, older people and disabled people.

Improvements to the cycling provision along the corridor is achieved through new and improved crossing facilities. This is seen to improve both the safety and perception of safety for people who are cycling and will disproportionately benefit more vulnerable and less confident cyclists such as children and younger people.

National and LCC standards for cycle infrastructure design and safety have been incorporated into the designs. The designs are additionally going to be reviewed by the WYCA Quality Panel.

- **Key finding**

Evidence suggests that women, younger people and older people tend to be more reliant on buses and more likely to use buses across Leeds. The project is anticipated to deliver benefits to bus users in terms of reliability, time savings and real time information provision. These benefits will therefore disproportionately affect people within these groups.

The scheme is anticipated to result in key benefits for bus users, and people who are walking, wheeling or cycling. These benefits are anticipated to disproportionately affect groups with protected characteristics – particularly, women, disabled people, younger people and children, and older people.

- **Actions**

A further, more detailed EDCI screening or full appraisal on the Detailed Designs will be undertaken.

**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:	N/A
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Date to complete your impact assessment	N/A
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Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	N/A
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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
Rebecca Dickson	Principal Transport Planner	05/03/24
Frank Dawson	Graduate Transport Planner	
<b>Date screening completed</b>		05/03/2024

**7. Publishing**

Though **all** key decisions are required to give due regard to equality the council **only** publishes those related to **Executive Board, Full Council, Key Delegated Decisions** or a **Significant Operational Decision**.

A copy of this equality screening should be attached as an appendix to the decision making report:

- Governance Services will publish those relating to Executive Board and Full Council.
- The appropriate directorate will publish those relating to Delegated Decisions and Significant Operational Decisions.
- A copy of all other equality screenings that are not to be published should be sent to [equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk) for record.

Complete the appropriate section below with the date the report and attached screening was sent:

For Executive Board or Full Council – sent to <b>Governance Services</b>	Date sent: []
For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational Decisions – sent to appropriate <b>Directorate</b>	Date sent: []
All other decisions – sent to <a href="mailto:equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk">equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk</a>	Date sent: []