

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. In all appropriate instances we will need to carry out an equality, diversity, cohesion and integration impact assessment.

This form:

- can be used to prompt discussion when carrying out your impact assessment
- should be completed either during the assessment process or following completion of the assessment
- should include a brief explanation where a section is not applicable

Directorate: Communities, Housing & Environment	Service area: Environmental Health
Lead person: Paul Spandler	Contact number: 3786564
Date of the equality, diversity, cohesion and integration impact assessment: 04/03/2024	

1. Title: EDCI Impact Assessment for revocation of Air Quality Management Area Orders
Is this a:
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service / Function <input type="checkbox"/> Other
If other, please specify

2. Members of the assessment team:

Name	Organisation	Role on assessment team For example, service user, manager of service, specialist
Paul Spandler	LCC Env Health	Manager of service

3. Summary of strategy, policy, service or function that was assessed:

Five Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA's) were declared due to exceedances of the annual average Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2) UK air quality objective. Extensive air quality monitoring has been undertaken throughout the duration of the AQMA's. Monitoring data has shown that all AQMA's have recorded levels of NO2 within the annual average UK objective for at least the last four consecutive years. DEFRA guidance recommends at least three years without a breach of the UK Objective before revocation. It is therefore proposed that the formal process of revocation of the five AQMA's be undertaken, as the areas are now compliant with UK Air Quality Objectives for NO2 and no longer meet the threshold for AQMA designation.

4. Scope of the equality, diversity, cohesion and integration impact assessment
 (complete - 4a. if you are assessing a strategy, policy or plan and 4b. if you are assessing a service, function or event)

4a. Strategy, policy or plan
 (please tick the appropriate box below)

The vision and themes, objectives or outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/>
The vision and themes, objectives or outcomes and the supporting guidance	<input type="checkbox"/>
A specific section within the strategy, policy or plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please provide detail:	

4b. Service, function, event
 please tick the appropriate box below

The whole service (including service provision and employment)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A specific part of the service (including service provision or employment or a specific section of the service)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Procuring of a service (by contract or grant)	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p>Please provide detail: Local authorities have a duty under the Environment Act 1995 to monitor the quality of air within their administrative areas, produce an annual status report and designate special management areas known as air quality management areas (AQMA) where pollutants exceed UK objectives.</p> <p>There are currently six AQMA's in Leeds, which were declared between 2001 and 2017. Comprehensive monitoring within the AQMA's has identified that air quality within five of the AQMA's is now within UK Objectives and has been consistently so, for a number of years.</p> <p>The AQMA's are;</p> <p>Ebor Gardens, Burmantofts (AQMA 1/2017), declared 2001 Caspar Apartments, Little London (AQMA 2/2017), declared 2001 The Normans, Kirkstall (AQMA 3/2017), declared 2010 The Tilburys, Holbeck (AQMA 4/2017), declared 2010 Chapel Hill, Morley (AQMA 6/2017), declared 2017</p> <p>It is therefore proposed to undertake the prescribed process to revoke AQMA status from the five areas. As part of the process the local authority has consulted with local residents and relevant agencies on the proposal.</p>	

<p>5. Fact finding – what do we already know Make a note here of all information you will be using to carry out this assessment. This could include: previous consultation, involvement, research, results from perception surveys, equality monitoring and customer/ staff feedback.</p> <p>(priority should be given to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration related information)</p> <p>The proposal to revoke AQMA status highlights a significant improvement in air quality across all five areas. This is a positive step for all members of those communities. The proposal/activity will not have any effect on service provision or affect equality characteristics or stakeholders.</p>
<p>Are there any gaps in equality and diversity information Please provide detail: n/a</p>
<p>Action required: n/a</p>

<p>6. Wider involvement – have you involved groups of people who are most likely to</p>
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be affected or interested	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Please provide detail: The opportunity to comment on the proposals targeted those residents living within the AQMA boundary.</p>	
Action required: n/a	

<p>7. Who may be affected by this activity? please tick all relevant and significant equality characteristics, stakeholders and barriers that apply to your strategy, policy, service or function</p>		
Equality characteristics		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender reassignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion or Belief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sex (male or female)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sexual orientation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		
<p>(Other can include – marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, and those areas that impact on or relate to equality: tackling poverty and improving health and well-being)T</p>		
Stakeholders		
<input type="checkbox"/> Services users	<input type="checkbox"/> Employees	<input type="checkbox"/> Trade Unions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partners	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members	<input type="checkbox"/> Suppliers
<input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify		
Potential barriers		

Built environment

Location of premises and services

Information and communication

Customer care

Timing

Stereotypes and assumptions

Cost

Consultation and involvement

Financial exclusion

Employment and training

specific barriers to the strategy, policy, services or function

Please specify

Steps have been taken to ensure the consultation process is available to all those within the areas. A public consultation exercise was undertaken between the 1st and the 28th February 2024.

8. Positive and negative impact

Think about what you are assessing (scope), the fact finding information, the potential positive and negative impact on equality characteristics, stakeholders and the effect of the barriers

8a. Positive impact:

Air pollution has a significant effect on public health, and poor air quality is the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK. Air pollution affects everyone but there are inequalities in exposure and the greatest impact is on the most vulnerable including the elderly, very young, expectant mothers and those with pre existing health conditions. The proposal to revoke AQMA status due to improved air quality is a significant positive health impact to the communities involved.

Action required:

n/a

8b. Negative impact:

n/a
Action required:

9. Will this activity promote strong and positive relationships between the groups/communities identified?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please provide detail: n/a
Action required: n/a

10. Does this activity bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other? (for example, in schools, neighbourhood, workplace)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please provide detail: n/a
Action required: n/a

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11. Could this activity be perceived as benefiting one group at the expense of another? (for example where your activity or decision is aimed at adults could it have an impact on children and young people)

Yes

No

Please provide detail:

All groups will benefit from improved air quality.

Action required:

12. Equality, diversity, cohesion and integration action plan

(insert all your actions from your assessment here, set timescales, measures and identify a lead person for each action)

Action	Timescale	Measure	Lead person
Ensure an effective consultation and engagement process is in place to allow all groups the opportunity to understand and comment on the proposal	Within 2 months of approval of the scheme	Develop an effective consultation programme using various formats. Identify specific characteristic groups within each area.	Paul Spandler EH Manager

Action	Timescale	Measure	Lead person

13. Governance, ownership and approval

State here who has approved the actions and outcomes from the equality, diversity, cohesion and integration impact assessment

Name	Job title	Date
Date impact assessment completed		24/08/2023

14. Monitoring progress for equality, diversity, cohesion and integration actions (please tick)

- As part of Service Planning performance monitoring
- As part of Project monitoring
- Update report will be agreed and provided to the appropriate board
Please specify which board
- Other (please specify)

15. 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 impact assessment 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 impact assessments that are not to be published should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk for record.

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

For Executive Board or Full Council – sent to Governance Services	Date sent:
For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational Decisions – sent to appropriate Directorate	Date sent:
All other decisions – sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk	Date sent: