

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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| Directorate: Resources and Housing | Service area: Tenant Engagement |
| Lead person: Ian Montgomery | Contact number: 07891 271612 |

1. Title: Housing Advisory Panel – Quarter 4 (2023/4) Funding Recommendations

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

Service / Function

Other

If other, please specify

A report to approve the recommendations to fund a range of local environmental and community projects.

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

A report to approve the recommendations to fund a range of local environmental and community projects by the 11 Housing Advisory Panels between 1 January 2024 and 31 March 2024 in line with their roles and responsibilities.

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. Also those areas that impact on or relate to equality: tackling poverty and improving health and well-being.

| Questions | Yes | No |
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| 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 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 report seeks approval for a range of local projects which have been recommended for funding by the local Housing Advisory Panels in line with local community priorities and needs. Each project is required to state how the local community or residents have been consulted and how they will be delivered in an inclusive way.

Projects vary, but a number support or will provide benefits to certain groups – for example projects to support the health aging of older residents, or community activities for younger residents and their families. A number of projects will also be community

activities that will help to bring communities together and help improve community relationships.

- **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.

- **Actions**

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

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: | (included within the HAP application process and local decision making) |
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| Date to complete your impact assessment | |
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| Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title) | |
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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 |
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| Ian Montgomery | Service Manager – Tenant Engagement | 08/04/2024 |
| Date screening completed | | 08/04/2024 |

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 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
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: 08/04/2024