

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: Mercury Abatement at Cottingley Crematorium

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

Service / Function

Other

If other, please specify

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

In August 2010 Executive Board agreed to a £2.9 million injection into the capital programme to fund the installation of mercury abatement equipment into exiting crematoria sites in order to comply with European mercury emissions legislation. The legislation states that 50% of all mercury emissions must be abated by December 2012.

It was also acknowledged in the August 2010 Executive Board report that the cremators would require replacing by 2016 as they were beyond economical repair.

During the past two years the cremators at Cottingley have failed the emission tests and subsequent re-tests have also failed. The Environmental Health Officer has agreed the council may continue with operations provided that we are actively working to replace the cremators in the near future.

This permit may be revoked if no action is taken to resolve the failures. Should this happen the EHO could then enforce closure of the affected cremators

It is therefore intended to replace the cremators at Cottingley Crematorium with equipment that is best value for the council and that can mercury abate in order to comply with EU legislation and able to abate by 50% without the need for a trading partner.

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)

- **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)

Consultation with local funeral directors regarding mercury abatement took place at Bereavement Services Forum meetings on 11th December 2012 and 25th April 2013. Feedback received, indicates that due to the balanced location of crematoria across the city, funeral directors feel that any operational changes will not have any detrimental impact on service provision and income.

Discussions have taken place with one ward member and all have been contacted via e-mail.

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

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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:	
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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
Stacey Walton	Project Officer	02/05/2013

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.

If this screening relates to a **Key Delegated Decision, Executive Board, full Council** or a **Significant Operational Decision** a copy should be emailed to Corporate Governance and will be published along with the relevant report.

A copy of **all other** screening's should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk. For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file (but not published).

Date screening completed	02/05/2013
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If relates to a Key Decision - date sent to Corporate Governance	
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Any other decision – date sent to Equality Team (equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk)	
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