

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration (EDCI) screening

**Agenda Item 14 (Updated
Community Asset Transfer Policy)
– Updated Appendix 2**

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: Community Asset Transfer Policy

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

 Service / Function

 Other

If other, please specify

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

This form outlines work undertaken to assess the impact of a revised Community Asset Transfer Policy on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

Community Asset Transfer is the transfer of public-owned land or buildings from the local authority to a community or voluntary sector (third sector) organisation on a long-term lease. CAT is typically a means for charities and social enterprises to support local communities by making the case for taking over a building or land where services or activities have been provided within a local community, either historically or in the present.

The revised policy establishes an updated approach to community asset transfer with a particular focus on the criteria applied to a community asset transfer. The policy is framed around buildings and land as opposed to services or people. Future decisions concerning building closure or disposal which are guided by this policy would be subject their own screening or impact assessments.

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"> • 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)

Consultation on the policy has taken place with representatives from the Leeds Community Anchor Network (LCAN) who are well-placed to provide input on accessibility-related matters.

The policy has also been subject to a review from the Scrutiny Board for Infrastructure, Investment and Inclusive Growth where there was input regarding the EDI screening process.

• **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).

- The policy should be accessible to all groups and individuals and comply with the same accessibility principles as other Leeds City Council policies.
- Buildings that are brought forward for CAT should be subject to an assessment process within Asset Management to ensure that are physically and geographically accessible to all groups.
- The implementation of the policy (e.g. the assessment of expressions of interest for specific buildings) should be carried out in a way that neither favours or discriminates against protected groups.

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

- 1. The policy, buildings made available for CAT and advertised expressions of interest to be shared with the Equalities Hubs for wider circulation.**

<p>2. CAT opportunities to be shared as appropriate with external funding organisations.</p> <p>3. As part of the assessment of a business case consideration will be given to the approach that the interested party is proposing to ensure that the building is accessible to all.</p> <p>4. The assessment of expressions of Interest and/ or business cases is performed against EDI criteria.</p>

<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.</p>	
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)	

<p>6. Governance, ownership and approval Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening</p>		
Name	Job title	Date
Mark Mills	Head of Asset Management	22 nd July 2024
Date screening completed		22 nd July 2024

<p>7. Publishing</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A copy of this equality screening should be attached as an appendix to the decision making report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Complete the appropriate section below with the date the report and attached screening was sent:</p>	
For Executive Board or Full Council – sent to Governance Services	Date sent: 28 th June 2024 (originally)

	Revised copy shared with Governance Services on 23 rd July 2024.
For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational Decisions – sent to appropriate Directorate	Date sent:
All other decisions – sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk	Date sent: