

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:
Hunslet Moor Primary School

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

 Service / Function

 Other

If other, please specify
 Proposal to expand Hunslet Moor Primary School from a capacity of 315 pupils to 420 pupils with an increase in the admission number from 45 to 60 with effect from September 2018.

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

Proposal to expand Hunslet Moor Primary School from a capacity of 315 pupils to 420 pupils with an increase in the admission number from 45 to 60 with effect from September 2018.

This will involve physically expanding the school.

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)

The proposal is to increase the number of places at Hunslet Moor Primary School. Local demographics were analysed when considering school places in the area, along with parental preference trends and projections, and it was concluded that additional capacity is required. The types of schools in the area were also considered, to ensure we adhere to our legal duty of offering parents' choice and diversity.

We consulted widely, including with those directly affected by this proposal, from 29th February to 25th March 2016. Those consulted included: Parents and carers of pupils at Hunslet Moor Primary and other local primary schools; local residents; governors, staff and pupils of the school; the diocese; Councillors; and MPs. We also publicised the consultation activity via local neighbourhood forums and communities committee groups.

The vast majority of respondents supported the proposed expansion plans.

- **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)

Age – a further 105 places will be created in the Hunslet area for primary children from September 2018 onwards. If the proposal is agreed, the school will grow from Reception upwards over a period of 7 years.

Disability – any new accommodation will be in line with current DDA guidelines.

Choice and Diversity- the proposals would have a positive impact on promoting choice and diversity for local parents.

• Actions

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

If the proposal is taken forward, the extra places will be made available in reception from September 2018, parents will therefore have the option of applying for these places or choosing alternative schools.

During the consultation period, all views and responses were considered equally.

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:	
Date to complete your impact assessment	
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	

6. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

Name	Job title	Date
Darren Crawley	Sufficiency Manager - Strategic	12 th April 2016

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.

Please send a copy to the Equality Team for publishing

Date screening completed	12 th April 2016
If relates to a Key Decision send to Corporate Governance	
Any other decision please send to Equality Team (equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk)	