

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration (EDCI) 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 or has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

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1. Title:

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

 Service / Function

 Other

If other, please specify

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

Advance works as part of the Leeds Station Sustainable Travel Gateway Project to make improvements to Dark Neville Street, Neville Street and Bishopgate. The advance works include improved cladding and lighting to the Network Rail structure on Neville Street, improved lighting, surfacing and cladding to the arches as far as the Southern entrance to the Station on Dark Neville Street and highways works.

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)

A detailed impact assessment has been undertaken for the project as a whole. Significant consultation with access groups, groups representing protected characteristics, taxi operators, bus operators, Network Rail, and cyclists has been undertaken and is ongoing. The consultation included feedback on the cladding and lighting on Neville Street and

Dark Neville Street and the need for these to be much lighter both to help those with visual impairment but also to improve community safety, the surface on Dark Neville Street was identified as requiring improving to allow for clear definition between pedestrians and cyclists/service vehicles and to address this the scheme will include kerbs to new footways which will have a colour differential with the footway to make it easier to see. A clear cycle route will be marked out to further improve the segregation between cyclists and pedestrians to reduce conflict.

The highways works to Bishopgate relate to drainage which will be below the road surface when complete but also include improvements to the footway tactile paving and signalling for the pedestrian crossing at the top of Neville Street which should improve safety at the pedestrian crossings.

The current audio installation will be removed to try to reduce the background noise.

- **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)

Wall cladding on Neville and Dark Neville Streets will be replaced with lighter cladding and with improved lighting to improve visibility and contrast for people with sight impairment, as well as improving community safety and the current audio installation will be removed to reduce background noise improving the environment for people with hearing impairment.

The drainage will not be visible on completion of the works as it will be below the road surface and the tactile paving will be replaced where needed.

Kerb stones will reflect the colour variation required to ensure that it is clearly visible and easily differentiated from the pavement, tactile paving will be replaced or improved where needed.

- **Actions**

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

Audio installation on Neville Street will be removed to reduce background noise

Kerb stones will be of a colour to ensure that there is clear differential from the colour of the pavement to aid those with sight impairment.

Tactile paving will be replaced/improved

Pedestrian footways on Dark Neville Street will be introduced to reduce conflict between pedestrians and cyclists

Neville Street and Dark Neville Street cladding and lighting will be improved to improve community safety to link the north and south communities of the city centre.

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:	20 th October 2020
Date to complete your impact assessment	14 th December 2020
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	Chloe Dummer, Project Manager

6. Governance, ownership and approval		
Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening		
Name	Job title	Date
Angela Lawson	Head of Station Development	9 th May 2022
Date screening completed 9 th May 2022		

7. Publishing	
<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>	
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For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational Decisions – sent to appropriate Directorate	Date sent:
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