

Appendix 1



Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and

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: Local Centres Programme – Kirkstall Bench Provision		
Is this a:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Strategy / Policy	Service / Function	Other
If other, please specify		

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

The screening focuses on a report to the Chief Officer Highways & Transportation and Chief Officer Asset Management & Regeneration requesting authority to introduce sixteen street benches at key chosen locations within the Kirkstall ward.

The project aims to provide places to sit and rest for those members of the public who may otherwise struggle to walk around the Kirkstall area due to limited mobility, allowing them to participate in a more active lifestyle and support and enjoy local centres and amenities.

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)

Consultation on the proposals has taken place/will take place with the following stakeholders:

- Local Ward Members
- Emergency Services (Police, West Yorkshire Fire and Ambulances Services)
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- Local Residents and businesses

The Local Ward Members support the proposals.

- **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 positive impacts of the scheme are:

- The provision of street benches will provide a place to stop and rest for those with reduced mobility and an inability to walk longer distances or up steep inclines.
- By providing benches suitable for all users, the project is inclusive and may provide those with limited mobility a destination where they know they will be able to sit.

- By encouraging walking, the Council works towards its ambitions to reduce vehicular journeys in local areas, promoting health and wellbeing as well as reducing the potential for greenhouse gas emissions.

There are no noted negative impacts of this proposal, however feedback will be received and considered accordingly.

- **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.**

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	N/A
Date to complete your impact assessment	N/A
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
Nick Hunt	Traffic Engineering Manager	22/06/2022

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	22/06/2022
Date sent to Equality Team	
Date published (To be completed by the Equality Team)	