

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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| Directorate: City Development | Service area: Traffic Engineering |
| Lead person: Chris Way | Contact number: 0113 37 87493 |

1. Title: City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement - Casualty Prevention Programme 2023/24

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

Service / Function

Other

If other, please specify

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

Leeds City Council prepares an annual programme of engineering interventions to address collisions on the public highways for which it is responsible.

The associated report sets out a five year programme of feasibility, design and construction of a number of projects for this purpose. It includes packages of schemes developed over the previous year based on Lengths and Sites for concerns studies and cluster analyses, plus preventative works based on the Vision Zero philosophy

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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. Also those areas that impact on or relate to equality: tackling poverty and improving health and well-being.

| Questions | Yes | No |
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| 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)

Designers of the individual schemes take into account the needs of local residents and particularly those with mobility and other impairments.

Consultation takes place with affected residents and includes key user groups to ensure that schemes meet local needs and particularly those with protected characteristics.

- **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)

Positive impacts

The installation of safety schemes including; traffic signals, pedestrian crossing facilities, speed limit changes and traffic calming schemes by the service has a positive effect on local communities, different age groups and the mobility impaired.

These schemes can remove barriers to travel for sectors of society which have limited access to private cars by improving actual and perceived road safety and providing safe convenient routes across the city.

Negative impacts

There are requests for interventions which occur throughout the year, and it is not possible to react in that timeframe due to the need to include projects in an annual programme. Requests are considered and where appropriate added to forthcoming programmes of works.

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

A screening document will be prepared and an independent impact assessment will be completed as necessary for each project during the detailed design process as required. The screening document and/or the independent impact assessment once approved by the service will be sent to the Equality Team to be approved and publishing.

All schemes are designed to remove barriers to equality through improved facilities for all, including safer crossing facilities for those with mobility and other impairments.

Safer roads encourage safe and sustainable travel which benefits all but particularly those without access to a private car.

5. If you are **not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you **will need to carry out an impact assessment.****

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| 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 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Nick Hunt | Traffic Engineering Manager | 25 th April 2023 |
| Date screening completed | | |

7. Publishing

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**.

A copy of this equality screening should be attached as an appendix to the decision making report:

- 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.

Complete the appropriate section below with the date the report and attached screening was sent:

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| For Executive Board or Full Council – sent to Governance Services | Date sent: |
| For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational Decisions – sent to appropriate Directorate | Date sent: |
| All other decisions – sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk | Date sent: |