

Appendix A

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.

Directorate: City Development	Service area: Council Housing Growth (Acquisitions)
Lead person: Ian Frobisher	Contact number: 07891 276531

1. Title: Council Housing Growth – Procurement of a contractor to undertake acquisition void works
Is this a:
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service / Function <input type="checkbox"/> Other
If other, please specify:

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

As part of the Housing Growth Acquisitions Programme, properties are acquired to provide additional capacity in the housing stock for vulnerable groups in urgent need of accommodation across the city. Properties shall be purchased either as part of the Councils current “buyback” project or directly from the open market. Potentially suitable areas for acquisitions will be determined by reference to the availability of relevant support services and other amenities in the nearby area.

The property acquisition and works undertaken to these additional affordable homes directly contributes to delivering the Leeds Best City Ambition pillars of Health & Wellbeing and Zero Carbon by:

- Providing housing of the right quality, type, tenure and affordability in the right places.
- Minimising homelessness through a greater focus on prevention.
- Addressing the challenges of housing quality and affordability, tackling fuel poverty and creating vibrant places where residents have close access to services and amenities.

Housing and Health & Wellbeing have been identified as Council priorities as set out in the Best Council Plan; this programme will directly support & contribute to the following priorities:

- Housing of the right quality, type, tenure and affordability in the right places
- Minimising homelessness through a greater focus on prevention
- Providing the right housing options to support older and vulnerable residents to remain active and independent
- Supporting self-care, with more people managing their own health conditions in the community
- Working as a system to ensure people get the right care, from the right people in the right place

The programme shall also directly contribute to the achievement of a number of key performance indicators the Council will use to measure success including:

- Prevention / Intervention / Recovery – achieving a collective outcome that: People ‘move in’ to appropriate and suitable accommodation; People ‘move-on’ by accessing the right support at the right time, to aide their personal recovery and as a result fewer people return / end up on the street and also feel socially connected to their neighbourhood.
- Growth in new homes in Leeds
- Number of affordable homes delivered

The programme will also directly contribute to ensuring that “everyone in Leeds Live(s) in good quality, affordable homes, in clean and well cared for places” which is one of the target outcomes set out in the Best Council Plan.

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
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)

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)

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)	N/A

6. Governance, ownership and approval
 Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

Name	Job title	Date
Mark Denton	Head of Council Housing Growth	16 th August 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:

For Executive Board or Full Council – sent to Governance Services	Date sent:
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For Delegated Decisions or Significant Operational Decisions – sent to appropriate Directorate	Date sent: May 2023
All other decisions – sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk	Date sent: