

Equality Impact Assessment [version 2.9]



Title: Levelling Up Fund bid opportunities (Cabinet – June 7)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Strategy <input type="checkbox"/> Function <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Other [please state]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Already exists / review <input type="checkbox"/> Changing
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Service Area: Housing Delivery; Strategic Transport; Economy of Place	Lead Officer role: Deputy Head, Policy and Public Affairs

Step 1: What do we want to do?

The purpose of an Equality Impact Assessment is to assist decision makers in understanding the impact of proposals as part of their duties under the Equality Act 2010. Detailed guidance to support completion can be found here [Equality Impact Assessments \(EqIA\) \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com).

This assessment should be started at the beginning of the process by someone with a good knowledge of the proposal and service area, and sufficient influence over the proposal. It is good practice to take a team approach to completing the equality impact assessment. Please contact the [Equality and Inclusion Team](#) early for advice and feedback.

1.1 What are the aims and objectives/purpose of this proposal?

Briefly explain the purpose of the proposal and why it is needed. Describe who it is aimed at and the intended aims / outcomes. Where known also summarise the key actions you plan to undertake. Please use plain English, avoiding jargon and acronyms. Equality Impact Assessments are viewed by a wide range of people including decision-makers and the wider public.

<p>The Government’s Levelling Up Fund (LUF) prospectus was published on March 23, 2022. It is a competitive fund, open to capital bids from local authorities for projects covering the investment themes of town centre and high street regeneration; maintaining and expanding the UK’s portfolio of cultural and heritage assets; and local transport projects. The quantum of a bid is up to a maximum of £20m with some delivery expected within the financial year 2022/23. Bristol has been allocated as a ‘category 2’ area by the Government’s prioritisation of need index so did not receive any bid development funding. Formal support from the local MP is required.</p> <p>The report’s proposal is to develop and submit two bids for this Fund for 2022-23 for the Bristol Cycling Centre and Filwood regeneration. These will cover the parliamentary constituencies of Bristol North West and Bristol South.</p>

1.2 Who will the proposal have the potential to affect?

<input type="checkbox"/> Bristol City Council workforce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service users	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The wider community
<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioned services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City partners / Stakeholder organisations	
Additional comments:		

1.3 Will the proposal have an equality impact?

Could the proposal affect access levels of representation or participation in a service, or does it have the potential to change e.g. quality of life: health, education, or standard of living etc.?

If ‘No’ explain why you are sure there will be no equality impact, then skip steps 2-4 and request review by Equality and Inclusion Team.

If 'Yes' complete the rest of this assessment, or if you plan to complete the assessment at a later stage please state this clearly here and request review by the Equality and Inclusion Team.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	[please select]
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Whilst we have not identified any negative impacts from the report's proposal to seek approval to take forward two bids for the Government's Levelling Up Fund, if such bids are successful, to ensure delivery meets the needs of the respective local communities and equalities groups, further equality impact assessments will be required. To note, the Cycling Centre project has an existing EQIA and the Filwood bid is in the context of wider proposals for development in this area, for which there have been relevant assessments applied.

Step 5: Review

The Equality and Inclusion Team need at least five working days to comment and feedback on your EqIA. EqIAs should only be marked as reviewed when they provide sufficient information for decision-makers on the equalities impact of the proposal. Please seek feedback and review from the [Equality and Inclusion Team](#) before requesting sign off from your Director¹.

Equality and Inclusion Team Review: <i>Reviewed by Equality and Inclusion Team</i>	Director Sign-Off:  John Smith, Director, Economy of Place
Date: 24/4/2022	Date: 18.5.2022

¹ Review by the Equality and Inclusion Team confirms there is sufficient analysis for decision makers to consider the likely equality impacts at this stage. This is not an endorsement or approval of the proposal.