

PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

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 and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide 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 and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title	
Title: Modern Slavery Update and Revised Transparency Statement	
Directorate: Regeneration & Environment	Service area: Community Safety & Regulatory Services
Lead person: Steve Parry	Contact number: 07443 477536
Is this a:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service / Function
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	
If other, please specify	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
The publication of the Transparency Statement itself, which is the decision within the report, does not represent any change in policy or delivery of function but reflects work done across a range of Council services, which are subject to their own decision-making processes and therefore equality impact assessment as appropriate. Therefore, an equality analysis is not required to accompany this report as there are no direct equality implications for the refresh of the published Transparency Statement.

Tackling modern slavery and human trafficking is a key priority for the Council and the Safer Rotherham Partnership. The potential for the exploitation of different groups is acknowledged and is monitored and managed by the multi-agency Protecting Vulnerable Adults and Children theme groups and reported to the Safer Rotherham Partnership Board.

3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employee's or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?		X
Could the proposal affect service users?		X
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?		X
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?		X
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		X
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?		X

If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason

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If you have answered **no** to **all** the questions above, please complete **sections 5 and 6**.

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4**.

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made.

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

- **Key findings**

- **Actions**

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	N/A
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	N/A
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	N/A

5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Emma Ellis	Head of Community Safety & Regulatory Services.	10/01/2025

6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

Date screening completed	10 th January 2025
Report title and date	Modern Slavery Annual Transparency Statement 2025/26

If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	Report to be presented to Cabinet on 17 th March 2025
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	11 th January 2025