

## 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:** Ward Housing Hub Budget 2024/25 - Carry Forward

**Directorate:** Adult Care, Housing & Public Health

**Service area:** Housing Governance and Improvement

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Is this a:

**Strategy / Policy**

**Service / Function**

**Other**

**If other, please specify**

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

Ward Housing Hub Budget 2024/25 Carry Forward – Budget roll forward of the underspend from 2024/25 to 2025/26.

### 3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees 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
<p>Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?  <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i></p>		X
<p>Could the proposal affect service users?  <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i></p>		X
<p>Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?  <i>(Consider potential discrimination, harassment or victimisation of individuals with protected characteristics)</i></p>		X
<p>Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?  <i>(It is important that the Council is transparent and consultation is carried out with members of the public to help mitigate future challenge)</i></p>		X
<p>Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?  <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from commissioning or procurement)</i></p>		X
<p>Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?  <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from your HR business partner)</i></p>		X

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

The Ward Housing Hub budget carry forward will positively impact communities ensuring that larger projects can be delivered which may have a greater benefit for the neighbourhood/Ward. There will be no equalities implications deriving from this carry-over of budget.

Housing Services, Rotherfed and Neighbourhoods Service will ensure that budget spend can be influenced by a diverse range of tenants, through the following:

1. Understanding, listening, and engaging across all communities

2. Involving tenants in improving their communities as a result of Ward Housing Budget projects
3. Empowering people to engage and challenge discrimination and to promote good community relations.

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.

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).

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

- **Key findings**

- **Actions**

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:

19 May 2025

Date to complete your Equality Analysis:

21 May 2025

Lead person for your Equality Analysis  
(Include name and job title):

Wendy G Foster  
Governance and Involvement  
Manager

#### 5. Governance, ownership and approval

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

Name	Job title	Date
Wendy G Foster	Governance and Involvement Manager	21 May 2025
Louise Robson	Head of Service, Housing Improvement and Governance	21 May 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](mailto: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.

<b>Date screening completed</b>	21 May 2025
<b>Report title and date</b>	Ward Housing Hub budget 2024/25 carry forward
<b>If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication</b>	Cabinet Report- Area Housing Panels Review 23 December 2019
<b>Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement</b> <a href="mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk">equality@rotherham.gov.uk</a>	1 July 2025