

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 | |
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| Title: Updated Section 106 policy | |
| Directorate: CYPS | Service area: Education and Inclusion |
| Lead person: Sarah Whitby | Contact: sarah.whitby@rotherham.gov.uk |
| Is this a: | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Service / Function |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| If other, please specify | |

| 2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening |
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| The Section 106 Developer Contributions Policy aligned to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 has been updated to reflect the latest cost multipliers published by the Department for Education and BCIS (Building Cost Information Service). This form accompanies a delegated officer decision report. |

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 |
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| 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> | x | |
| 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> | x | |
| 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> | x | |
| 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> | | x |
| 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> | x | |
| 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> | | x |

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

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?**

Equality and Diversity has been considered as the revised policy seeks to amend the cost factors applied to S106 developer contributions to ensure funding contributions for education places both in mainstream and SEND education are accurate and assist in creating places in areas of need aligned to housing growth.

- **Key findings**

Equality and Diversity has been kept under review as part of previous SEND sufficiency work linked to SEND sufficiency phases 1, 2 and 3 capital projects and mainstream education infrastructure projects. The policy revisions seek to ensure that infrastructure needs as a result of housing development continue to be supported with regard to current funding cost factors updates from DfE.

- **Actions**

The revised policy will be used to negotiate future developer contributions to support infrastructure needs. This does not require a full Equality Analysis.

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| 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 |
|--------------------|--|---------|
| Sarah Whitby | Head of Service – Access to Education | 16.7.25 |
| Christopher Stones | Principal Officer – School Organisation and Planning | 16.7.25 |
| Joanne Unwin | Principal Officer – School Admissions | 16.7.25 |

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.

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| Date screening completed | 16.7.25 |
| Report title and date | S106 Education Developer Contributions Policy |
| If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication | Officer Delegated Decision |
| Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk | 16.7.25 |