

Equality Analysis

Birmingham City Council Analysis Report

EA Name	Local Growth Fund Round 3: Update And Next Steps
Directorate	Economy
Service Area	Transportation Services Growth And Transportation
Type	New/Proposed Policy
EA Summary	This Equalities Assessment evaluates the potential impact of an outline bid for a share of 1.8bn pounds of Local Growth Funding (LGF3) from the Government. Bidding locally has been led by the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP), with a formal bid for LGF3 resources totalling 310m pounds submitted to Government on July 28th 2016. Birmingham City Council are seeking Cabinet endorsement of a series of project proposals totalling around 131m pounds, submitted by the Council to GBSLEP for future LGF3 funding consideration.
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Introduction

The report records the information that has been submitted for this equality analysis in the following format.

Overall Purpose

This section identifies the purpose of the Policy and which types of individual it affects. It also identifies which equality strands are affected by either a positive or negative differential impact.

Relevant Protected Characteristics

For each of the identified relevant protected characteristics there are three sections which will have been completed.

- Impact
- Consultation
- Additional Work

If the assessment has raised any issues to be addressed there will also be an action planning section.

The following pages record the answers to the assessment questions with optional comments included by the assessor to clarify or explain any of the answers given or relevant issues.

1 Activity Type

The activity has been identified as a New/Proposed Policy.

2 Overall Purpose

2.1 What the Activity is for

<p>What is the purpose of this Policy and expected outcomes?</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy is that Cabinet endorsement is sought for a series of project proposals, which total approximately 131m pounds. This will be submitted by the Council to the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) for future Local Growth Funding (LGF3) funding consideration; and Cabinet is asked to note that the next steps for LGF3 in terms of decision making at both GBSLEP and Government levels are set out.</p> <p>The expected outcomes are that the Cabinet endorses the series of project proposals, and that the next steps in terms of decision making for LGF3 resources be noted.</p> <p>The Councils project proposals fully align with the Birmingham Development Plan (BDP), the Big City Plan, the Birmingham Connected transport strategy and the vision and principles of the Council Business Plan and Budget 2016+, namely a strong economy, safety and opportunity for all children, a great future for young people, thriving local communities and a healthy, happy population. The proposals are also consistent with GBSLEPs Strategic Economic Plan and Strategy for Growth, the WMCA's Strategic Economic Plan and the West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan.</p> <p>On April 12th 2016 the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government invited LEPs across the country to bid for a share of 1.8bn pounds of LGF3. Bidding locally has been led by the GBSLEP, with scheme promoters, including the Council, asked to provide Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for potential projects.</p> <p>The bid for LGF3 resources entitled a Greater Birmingham for a Greater Britain was submitted by GBSLEP to the Government on July 28th 2016, with preparation of the document and submission responsibility delegated to the GBSLEP SEP Refresh Steering Group by the GBSLEP Board. The bid submitted was structured around three broad packages comprising Connecting Globally; Leading the World in Innovation and Creativity; and Breaking down the Barriers, with example projects from scheme promoters forming case studies within each of the packages.</p> <p>It must be noted that, whilst these EOIs have been submitted, there is still a Strategic Fit Assessment to go through which, if successful, the projects will be given Programme Entry Level with the opportunity to develop the business cases.</p>
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For each strategy, please decide whether it is going to be significantly aided by the Function.

Public Service Excellence	Yes
A Fair City	Yes
A Prosperous City	Yes
A Democratic City	Yes

2.2 Individuals affected by the policy

Will the policy have an impact on service users/stakeholders?	Yes
Will the policy have an impact on employees?	Yes
Will the policy have an impact on wider community?	Yes

2.3 Analysis on Initial Assessment

All schemes proposed within the LGF3 bid are provided as a public good and will be available for all members of the community and visitors alike to use. Transport proposals are supported by promotional and educational training provided by the Transport Behavioural Change Team within Transportation Services, particularly in relation to road safety and active travel. Individual schemes will be subject to further screening for equalities analysis.

It is considered that there are no aspects of the LGF3 bid that could contribute to inequality. The facilities and measures proposed are for all users and none are excluded. No measures are considered to discriminate against protected groups in terms of age, race, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, sex, pregnancy or maternity, or disability.

Individual scheme proposals will be further screened for equalities analysis as part of standard Council governance and approval processes, and EAs will be completed at Product Definition Document and Full Business Case stage for individual projects and programmes.

Internal consultation has been undertaken with the Deputy Leader, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Roads; the Cabinet Member for Value for Money and Efficiency; the Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling and Environment, the Cabinet Member for Skills and Learning; the Assistant Director Development; the Assistant Director Regeneration and the Assistant Director Transportation and Connectivity, who support the proposals contained within this report.

Externally, the Council project proposals have been developed in consultation with the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), Transport for the West Midlands (TfWM), GBSLEP, adjoining authorities and a range of public and private sector partners.

3 Concluding Statement on Full Assessment

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4 Review Date

04/09/17

5 Action Plan

There are no relevant issues, so no action plans are currently required.