**S75 Equality And Good Relations**

**Screening Form**

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| **General Information** | | | | | | | |
| Service/  Function | Policy/ Procedure | | | Project | Strategy | Plan | Guidance |
| **Is this an existing, revised or a new function, service, policy, procedure, project, strategy, plan or guidance?**  Existing  Revised  New | | | | | | | |
| **Operational Area** | | | Sport and Well being | | | | |
| **Title** | | | Play Investment Strategy | | | | |
| **Brief Summary**  The Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Play Investment Strategy establishes a strategic and operational framework within which decision making will be made as it relates to the provision and maintenance of fixed play areas and the future development of non-fixed approaches to meeting play need. | | | | | | | |
| **What is it trying to achieve? (intended aims and outcomes)**  Key Aims of the Investment Strategy Underpinning the strategy are a number of key aims which, if successfully achieved will enhance the developmental value, scope and range of play opportunities available to children and young people across the Borough.   |  | | --- | | Key Aims   1. To support children and young people to be able to engage in both fixed and non-fixed play opportunities that meet their developmental needs 2. To ensure that Fixed Play Areas are attractive, welcoming, safe but challenging, accessible and inclusive for all abilities offering a high level of play value through programmed capital upgrading, maintenance and renewal 3. To ensure effective targeting of capital investment in new fixed play development at those locations which are identified as being in most need through assessment of underlying demographic need 4. To ensure that children, young people, parents and communities have an integral role in decision making on play provision, both fixed and non-fixed 5. To enable communities to take an active role in the development and delivery of non-fixed play opportunities through dedicated support including volunteer training, mentoring and access to ‘loose-parts’ play pods 6. To highlight the benefits of play whilst encouraging adults within the wider community to recognise both the play needs and valuable contribution children make to community life 7. Where local demographic circumstances preclude council intervention, to support communities to develop sustainable solutions to meeting local play need. | | | | | | | | |
| **Who owns and who implements each element of the function, service, policy, procedure, project, strategy, plan or guidance?**  Head of Service for Sport and Well Being | | | | | | | |
| **Other policies etc. which have a bearing on this function, service, policy, procedure, project, strategy, plan or guidance?**  The strategy aims are consistent with the **Councils Mission** which is to:  Improve the quality of life and well-being for all of our citizens and visitors by:  • Providing effective and sustainable local public services;  • Accelerating our economy and improving economic prosperity;  • Placing local communities at the heart of decision making;  • Protecting and enhancing our unique natural environment and assets; and  • Advocating for the area and our citizens in both local and international arenas.  Council has a number of **Strategic themes** (see CC&GBC Council Strategy 2015-2019).  The core theme relevant to Sport & Wellbeing is **Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities**. The stated directions for Council and its officers in achieving this objective are;  • Working to support healthy lifestyle choices for all citizens;  • Providing Citizens with access to Council recreational facilities and protected natural environments which help them to develop their physical, emotional and cognitive health;  • Working to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough.  Set within this context the Sport & Wellbeing Service Level Mandate is;  The provision of:  • High quality leisure and sports services,  • Accessible to all via needs based programmes and;  • Sustainable facility provision, enhanced by effective partnership working  To create:  • Increased levels of participation in physical activity,  • Improved health and well-being and;  • An enhanced quality of life  Where the provision of a new/improved facility is required Council will prepare a business case for each and the business case will assesses the needs and benefits of a range of options. This will, for example consider any pre-existing car parking or toilet provision and the need to create inclusive toilet and changing provision such as a Changing Places facility. This ancillary facility needs will be assessed on a case by case basis depending on the location and surrounding facility infrastructure. | | | | | | | |
| **Available Evidence**  Evidence to help inform the screening process may take many forms. Public authorities should ensure that their screening decision is informed by relevant data.  What evidence/information (both qualitative and quantitative have you gathered to inform this function, service, policy, procedure, project, strategy, plan or guidance? Specify details for relevant Section 75 categories. | | | | | | | |
| Council commissioned a Condition Audit and Play Value Audit of all of 99 play facilities in the Borough.  Council used population and settlement data from NISRA.  Council also commissioned consultations with parents/carers, children and young people and community providers on a range of issues including:   * The importance of play * The types of play activities children and young people engage in * Barriers to children and young people playing * Views on the current standard of fixed play provision across the Borough and indications of fixed play need * Views on how Council could enhance children’s play experience.   The consultation was based on a mixed methods approach and used a number approaches in order to increase the level of engagement:   Online surveys   * + Children and Young People (88 responses)   + Parents and Carers (301 responses)   + Community organisations (21 responses) * Open community consultation workshops at a number of locations:   + Portstewart   + Ballymoney   + Ballycastle   + Limavady * 8 focus groups with children and young people from across the Borough including children from urban and rural areas, children with Special Educational Needs, children from BME backgrounds and older teenagers. | | | | | | | |
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| **Section 75 Category** | | **Details of Evidence/Information** | | | | | |
| **Religious Beliefs** | | The evidence used to assess the need for new, improved or redundant fixed play was based on physical inspections, gap analysis, population distribution data and public consultation with children, young people, parents, special interest groups, those who work with children and young people and the general public.  The feedback from the consultations helped influence the draft Strategy and the consultation feedback is included in the Strategy.  NISRA data relating to population size and distribution is included at 2.1 of the report and other NISRA tourism data is included at 2.2. This information is used to assess the suitability of the current provision and proposals for future improvements.  The General Household Survey reports that around 19% of the NI population has some form of disability. This is influential in the report’s recommendations for increased access to inclusive fixed play facilities.  Prior to full adoption and implementation the Draft Strategy will be the subject of a further 12 week consultation with all of Councils consultation list across all S75 categories. | | | | | |
| **Political Opinion** | |
| **Racial Group** | |
| **Age** | |
| **Marital Status** | |
| **Sexual Orientation** | |
| **Men and Women Generally** | |
| **Dependants** | |
| **Disability** | |

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| **Screening Questions**   1. What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this function, service, policy, procedure, project, strategy, plan or guidance? | | | | | |
| Section 75 Category | | Positive impact  (it could benefit) | Neutral | Negative impact  (it could disadvantage) | Reason |
| Gender | Women |  |  | Major Minor | The implementation of this strategy will benefit all children and young people, irrespective of gender. |
| Men |  |  | Major Minor |
| Transgender men/women |  |  | Major Minor |
| Other please specify |  |  | Major Minor |
| Race  The categories used in the Race section are those used in the 2011 census. Consideration should be given to the needs of specific communities within the broad categories. | Asian |  |  | Major Minor | The implementation of this strategy will benefit all children and young people, irrespective of race. |
| Black |  |  | Major Minor |
| Chinese |  |  | Major Minor |
| Mixed race  White |  |  | Major Minor |
| Other please specify |  |  | Major Minor |
| Disability | Long term health impairment could include mental health problems, asthma, heart conditions, chronic fatigue etc. |  |  | Major Minor | The Strategy gives particular attention to the importance of play provision to meet the needs of children and young people with a disability.  Specific consideration and proposals for the need for inclusive fixed play provision is made at: 3.2, 3.3, 5.2, 5.2, 6.4, 7.2, 7.6, 7.7, Appendix 1: 1.2, 2.1E, 2.2, 2.4, 4.2, 5.0, 6.0, and 7.0. |
| Sexual orientation | Heterosexual, lesbian, gay men, bisexual, others |  |  | Major Minor | The implementation of this strategy will benefit all children and young people, irrespective of gender. |
| Age | Older People |  |  | Major Minor | The implementation of this strategy will benefit children and young people and those with caring responsibilities. |
| Younger people and children |  |  | Major Minor |
| Political Opinion |  |  |  | Major Minor | The implementation of this strategy will benefit all children and young people, irrespective of political opinion. |
| Religious Belief |  |  |  | Major Minor | The implementation of this strategy will benefit all children and young people, irrespective of religious belief. |
| Martial Status |  |  |  | Major Minor | The benefits of this strategy will be unaffected by marital status. |
| Dependants |  |  |  | Major Minor | The implementation of this strategy will benefit children and young people and those with caring responsibilities for them through the increased provision of inclusive opportunities for the physical, social and emotional development of children and young people through play. |

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| **Screening Questions**   1. Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity for people within any of the Section 75 categories? | | | |
| Section 75 Category | | If Yes, provide details | If No, provide details |
| Gender | Women |  | This Strategy provides for equality of opportunity irrespective of gender. |
| Men |
| Transgender men/women |
| Other please specify |
| Race  The categories used in the Race section are those used in the 2011 census. Consideration should be given to the needs of specific communities within the broad categories. | Asian |  | This Strategy provides for equality of opportunity irrespective of race. |
| Black |
| Chinese |
| Mixed race  White |
| Other please specify |
| Disability | Long term health impairment could include mental health problems, asthma, heart conditions, chronic fatigue etc. |  | This Strategy provides for equality of opportunity irrespective of disability through the identification of the needs of children with a disability and the inclusion of specific proposals as set out at: 3.2, 3.3, 5.2, 5.2, 6.4, 7.2, 7.6, 7.7, Appendix 1: 1.2, 2.1E, 2.2, 2.4, 4.2, 5.0, 6.0, and 7.0. |
| Sexual orientation | Heterosexual, lesbian, gay men, bisexual, others |  | This Strategy provides for equality of opportunity irrespective of sexual orientation. |
| Age | Older People,  Younger people and children |  | This Strategy provides for equality of opportunity for children and young people of all ages |
| Political Opinion |  |  | This Strategy provides for equality of opportunity irrespective of political opinion. |
| Religious Belief |  |  | This Strategy provides for equality of opportunity irrespective of religious belief. |
| Marital Status |  |  | The benefits of this strategy will be unaffected by marital status. |
| Dependants |  |  | The benefits of this strategy will greatly benefit those with dependent children. |
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| **Screening Questions**   1. **To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?** | | |
| **Section 75 Category** | **If Yes, provide details** | **If No, provide details** |
| Religious Belief | The implementation of this strategy will provide opportunities for children and young people from different religions, political opinions and racial groups to play together and for their carers to interact. |  |
| Political Opinion |
| Racial Group |

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| **Screening Questions**   1. **Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?** | | |
| **Section 75 Category** | **If Yes, provide details** | **If No, provide details** |
| Religious Belief |  | No, Council sees no further opportunity to enhance this Strategy to better promote good relations. |
| Political Opinion |  |
| Racial Group |  |

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| **Additional Considerations** |
| **Generally speaking people can fall into more than one Section 75 category. Taking this into consideration, are there any potential impacts of the function, service, policy, procedure, project, strategy, plan or guidance on people with multiple identities? (For example: disabled minority ethnic people, disabled women, young Protestant men, young lesbians, gay and bisexual people.)** |
| **Yes, positive impacts only.** |
| **Provide details of data on the impact of the function, service, policy, procedure, project, strategy, plan or guidance on people with multiple identities. Specify the relevant Section 75 categories concerned.** |
| **None**  **Young people with/without a disability of different religious/cultural backgrounds form across the Borough will have the opportunity for increased access to improved fixed and non-fixed play opportunities. This policy will have only positive impacts on young people and those responsible for their care and this will be irrespective of which and how many of the S75 categories to which they belong.** |

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| **Disability Considerations**  **Is there an opportunity to better promote positive attitudes towards disabled people by altering this function, service, policy, procedure, project, strategy, plan or guidance?**  **Yes  No** |
| **If yes, lease give further information and examples:** |
| **Is there an opportunity to encourage participation by disabled people in public life by altering this function, service, policy, procedure, project, strategy, plan or guidance?**  **Yes  No** |
| **Please give further information and examples:**  **This Strategy gives very detailed consideration to the need for inclusive play provision for children and young people with a disability. It proposes investments in new and upgraded facilities that will allow children of all abilities to play alongside each other.** |

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| **Screening Decision**  **Likely Impact** | | |
| **Major** | **Minor** | **None** |
| **If the decision is to subject the policy to an equality impact assessment (i.e. likely impact – Major), please provide details of the reasons for this:** | | |
| **If the decision is not to conduct an equality impact assessment (i.e. likely impact = Minor) the Council should consider if the policy should be mitigated or an alternative policy be introduced:** | | |
| **If the decision is not to conduct an equality impact assessment (i.e. likely impact = None), please provide details of the reasons for this:**  **This Draft Strategy has no percieved negative impact on any of the S75 categories. The policy includes specific measures to address the needs of children and young people and specificially thoes with a disability.** | | |

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| **Mitigation** |
| When the Council concludes that the likely impact is ‘**Minor’** and an equality impact assessment is not to be conducted, the Council may consider mitigation to lessen the severity of any equality impact, or the introduction of an alternative policy to better promote equality of opportunity or good relations.  Can the policy/decision be amended or changed or an alternative policy introduced to better promote equality of opportunity and/or good relations?  **Yes  No** |
| If **YES**, give the reasons to support your decision, together with the proposed changes/amendments or alternative policy:  **The strategy proposes the implementation of a design guide and equipment that will make new and improved play equipment inclusive for children and young people irrespective of their level of ability/disability. The implementation of this policy will improve inclusive play opportunities across the borough.** |

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| **Timetabling And Prioritising** | |
| If the policy/decision has been ‘screened in’ for equality impact assessment, then please answer the following questions to determine its priority for timetabling the equality impact assessment.  On a scale of 1 to 3, with 1 being the lowest priority and 3 the highest, assess the policy in terms of its priority for equality impact assessment. | |
| **Priority Criterion** | **Rating (1 to 3)** |
| Effect on equality of opportunity and good relations |  |
| Social Need |  |
| Effect on people’s daily lives |  |
| Relevance to the Council’s functions |  |

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| **Monitoring** |
| **Please outline proposals for future monitoring of the policy/decision:**  **This policy will be the subject of a review at the end of the 5 year implementation period to establish if any measures are still outstanding, still relevant or need to be factored into future plans or strategies.** |

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| **Approval And Authorisation** | | |
| **Screened By** | **Position/Job Title** | **Date** |
| Wendy McCullough | Head of Service, Sport and Well Being | 15 August 2018 |
| **Approved By** | **Position/Job Title** | **Date** |
| Richard Baker | Director of Leisure and Development | 15th August 2018 |

Note: a copy of the screening template for each function, service, policy, procedure, project, strategy, plan or guidance screened should be ‘signed off’ and approved by a senior manager responsible for the function, service, policy, procedure, project, strategy, plan or guidance. A copy should then be forwarded to the Equality and Diversity Officer, made easily accessible on the council’s website as soon as possible following completion and made available on request.