

Equality Impact Analysis

Assessment Proforma

EIA

Parks and Open Spaces Strategy

Title:

- 1.0 The public sector equality duty (2011) covers the following eight **protected characteristics**:

Age, disability, ethnicity, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity.

The duty also covers marriage and civil partnership, but only relating to the elimination of unlawful discrimination (see below, 2.0).

- 1.1 SLDC includes “**rurality**” and “**socio-economic disadvantage**” as additional categories in its equality impact assessments. Although socio-economic status and rurality are not recognised protected characteristics under the Equality Act, people on low incomes or in rural isolation are highly likely to be affected by services that are intended to support vulnerable people.

2.0 **The General Equality Duty.**

SLDC, in the exercise of its functions, should:

- a. **Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.**
- b. **Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.**
- c. **Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.**

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Step 1

Summarise the subject and expected outcomes of this EIA.

The Parks and Open Spaces Strategy identifies the importance of good quality green space in the district and provides direction for the management of council owned parks and open spaces for a ten year period. Clear objectives are provided for the day to day maintenance of our spaces and how they can be improved and enhanced by working closely with our community, partners and local businesses.

Our vision for our parks and open spaces is

“Working together to create valued and sustainable parks and open spaces in South Lakeland”

The 4 key themes for the parks and open spaces strategy have been identified as follows:

- Health & Wellbeing – opportunities for healthier lifestyles, to improve mental health, reduce health inequality and supporting physical activity
- Economy – enabling and delivering opportunities for sustainable growth and investment in parks and open spaces
- Community – providing high quality parks where people meet, communities thrive and volunteer
- Environment – protecting and enhancing our place

Who are your main stakeholders and list any engagement undertaken (include surveys, feedback forms, complaints, statistics etc.).

Grounds Maintenance Partnership
Community groups and volunteers
Town and Parish Councils
Partners and local businesses

Consultation has taken place with community groups through the parks management plans, at Grounds Maintenance Partnership, Active Travel Steering Group and Corporate Management Team.

Step 2 Equality Action Plan

<p>In providing this service, what are the impacts for the following people?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Age (young and old) 2. Black and Minority Ethnic 3. Disabled 4. Faith/Belief 5. Sexual Orientation 6. Gender 7. Gender reassignment 8. Pregnancy and maternity 9. Marriage and Civil Partnership 10. Socio-economic disadvantage (including rural deprivation, 'rurality') <p>(See glossary below for definitions)</p>	<p>Positive impacts</p>	<p>Negative impacts</p>	<p>Mitigating actions (to avoid negative impact):</p>	<p>Lead Officer & When</p>	<p>Complete Y/N</p>
<p>1. All</p>	<p>Making parks and open spaces more accessible for all users</p>	<p>Possible changes to layout, furniture, signage</p>	<p>Consultation with Friends and user groups</p>	<p>Deborah Clarke, Nicola Metcalfe After cabinet 06/19</p>	<p>N</p>
<p>2. All</p>	<p>More opportunities to get involved volunteer opportunities on parks and open spaces</p>	<p>Unable to take part due to other commitments or ability</p>	<p>Wide range of volunteer opportunities available daytime and evening, weekdays and weekends</p>	<p>Deborah Clarke, Nicola Metcalfe When resources/delivery mechanisms established</p>	<p>N</p>
<p>3. All</p>	<p>More events on parks and open spaces, both commercial and non-commercial</p>	<p>More times when parts of local park are not available for use</p>	<p>Consultation with Friends and user groups with regards types of events and activities on parks</p>	<p>Deborah Clarke, Nicola Metcalfe When required</p>	<p>ongoing</p>

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<p>There is no negative or positive impact from the introduction of a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy to the groups listed above that would affect a group individually</p>					

Step 3

Examples of good equality practice you have put in place (For example, all venues used are accessible for people with mobility, hearing and sight impairments)

Key stakeholders were engaged with directly in own location

The council has a list of equality contacts who can be contacted for consultation or to ask advice. The list is on the intranet under Equality and Diversity. If you need any support when completing this Equality Impact Analysis, please contact the Partnerships and Funding Officer.

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Glossary

Age: This refers to a person having a particular age (for example, 32 year-olds) or being within an age group (for example, 18-30 year-olds).

Civil partnership: Legal recognition of a same-sex couple's relationship. Civil partners must be treated the same as married couples on a range of legal matters.

Disability: A person has a disability if they have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. Includes: Physical/sensory disability, mental health or learning disability.

Gender reassignment: A person has the protected characteristic of gender reassignment if the person is proposing to undergo, is undergoing or has undergone a process (or part of a process) for the purpose of reassigning the person's sex by changing physiological or other attributes of sex.

Maternity: The period after giving birth. It is linked to maternity leave in the employment context. In the non-work context, protection against maternity discrimination is for 26 weeks after giving birth, including as a result of breastfeeding.

Race: It refers to a group of people defined by their colour, nationality (including citizenship), ethnic or national origins. Includes, Asian, Black and White minority ethnic groups inc. Eastern Europeans, Irish people and Gypsy Travellers.

Religion or belief: "Religion" means any religion, including a reference to a lack of religion. "Belief" includes religious and philosophical beliefs including lack of belief (for example, Atheism). The category includes Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and non religious beliefs such as Humanism.

Sexual orientation: This is whether a person's sexual attraction is towards their own sex, the opposite sex or to both sexes.

Socio-economic disadvantage: This includes people on low incomes, as well as issues around rural and urban deprivation, such as access to services and transport. Rurality should be specifically considered as South Lakeland is defined as 'Rural-80' – this means we have at least 80 percent of our population in rural settlements and larger market towns.