

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

STRATEGY/ACTION: Only maintain South Park Bowling Green	Department: Services for Place
Person responsible for assessment: Brian Graham Person responsible for strategy where different from above:	Date of assessment: 12 January 2012

Brief description of strategy, partners and those who will be affected by its delivery:

This proposal would mean that the Council would expect Bowling Clubs to maintain 6 of the 7 bowling greens in the Borough with the Council only maintaining the green in South Park. The Council are currently working with the Darlington Parks Bowls Association who have now formed and are preparing to take over the running of the other bowling greens from 1 April 2012. Should the proposal for self-management of bowling greens fail, then all but one of the previously maintained Council bowling green in the Borough will remain for use to the general public.

A series of meetings has been held with the bowling fraternity to assist them in the self-management of the bowling greens alongside advice given to them by both the Transformation Team and Evolution.

The following financial saving has been identified against this proposal:

2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
£000	£000	£000	£000
£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000

Introduction

This is a generic document that will require interpretation in particular circumstances. If, after reading the guidance, you require further information on how to implement the assessment, please contact Peter Roberts, Social Enterprise Development Manager 01325 388713

Q.1 Is your strategy and the actions it proposes accessible to everyone within the community? Bear in mind any economic, social, environmental, physical, intellectual, cultural, linguistic, technological or other barriers.

The proposal relates to changing maintenance arrangements with the Council only maintaining the green in South Park.

Issue	Yes	No	If yes, what evidence do you have to demonstrate this?	If no, what do you plan to do to remove barriers to access?
Equality Act 2010 Protected characteristics:				
Age	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
Disability	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
Gender reassignment	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
Pregnancy and Maternity	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
Race	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
Religion or belief	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
Sex	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
Sexual orientation	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
Marriage and Civil Partnership	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
Local Priorities:				
Geographical impacts	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
Carers	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	

Issue	Yes	No	If yes, what evidence do you have to demonstrate this?	If no, what do you plan to do to remove barriers to access?
Young People leaving care	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
Gypsies & Travellers	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
Refugees & Asylum Seekers	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
Unemployed or low income	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	
People with spent criminal convictions	✓		This group have had access to bowling greens previously	

Q.2 (a) For whatever reason, does your strategy and the actions it proposes treat any group differently from others?

Yes	
No	✓

If you have answered 'yes', please specify those individuals or groups affected and whether the impact has the potential to be adverse.

N/A

(b) What needs to be done to prevent any potentially adverse impact?

Ensure that maintenance of bowling greens is transferred to the Darlington Parks Bowls Association. Should the proposal not transpire then only one green will be maintained in the Borough by DBC.

Community Partnerships Meeting 18.01.12

A potential impact was identified that should the level of maintenance of the grass under the new arrangements decline, this will result in people not wanting to use them. It was identified that at the Bowls Club at Eastbourne Road, as they also have cafe facilities, it is a resource used by all the community so any maintenance issues would be significant for the community.

Q.3 (a) Does your strategy promote equality? (e.g. does it contain actions that demonstrate a consideration of community cohesion and the needs of the members of Darlington’s diverse communities)

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Yes	
No	

If you have answered ‘yes’, please give examples of how equality is promoted.

Q.4 In the past three years, have you consulted with any of the following groups regarding the development of your strategy?

Group	Yes	No	If yes, please summarise evidence (Who? When? What were the outcomes?)	If no, are you satisfied that the strategy has no impact on this group?
Age	✓		Consultation events have taken place as part of the 2011/2012 MTFP budget consultation events, these include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation events specifically targeted for disabled, young people and older people • Town Crier publications • Online forums • Talking Together Events • Attendance at local community groups and action groups (i.e. Community Partnerships, Carers) 	
Disability	✓		Please refer to comments above.	

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Gender reassignment	✓		Please refer to comments above regarding MTFP proposals.	
Pregnancy and Maternity	✓		Please refer to comments above regarding MTFP proposals.	
Race	✓		Please refer to comments above regarding MTFP proposals.	
Religion or belief	✓		Please refer to comments above regarding MTFP proposals.	
Sex	✓		Please refer to comments above regarding MTFP proposals.	
Sexual orientation	✓		Please refer to comments above regarding MTFP proposals.	
Marriage and Civil Partnership	✓		Please refer to comments above regarding MTFP proposals.	
Geographical impacts	✓		Please refer to comments above regarding MTFP proposals.	
Carers	✓		Please refer to comments above regarding MTFP proposals.	
Young people leaving care	✓		Please refer to comments above regarding MTFP proposals.	
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Unemployed or low waged	✓		Please refer to comments above regarding MTFP proposals.	
People with spent criminal convictions	✓		Please refer to comments above regarding MTFP proposals.	