

**INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – SERVICE CHANGE**

Department	Children's Services, Policy and Development Division, Play and Extended Services
Service	<b>Doddington Activity Centre</b>
People involved	Head of Service and Service Managers, Centre Staff, Service Users (children and young people)

**1. What are the aims of the service and what changes are being proposed?**

The Play and Extended Services Section provides a range of services that aim to support or secure better outcomes for children and young people as articulated within the Council's Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP)

The Doddington Activity Centre, Charlotte Despard Avenue, SW11 5JE is a directly delivered provision comprising supervised, indoor and outdoor play opportunities for children and young people aged 5-13 years during term time after school. The service is currently free at point of access

It is proposed to cease operation of the current provision from April 2011

**2. What is the rationale behind these changes?**

The Council faces a reduction in budget of 55 million by 2014. Each Department has scrutinised its services to ascertain if they can be delivered in different more cost effective ways and to see if they are still required

The Doddington Activity Centre service is a staffed provision which operates term time after school. The number of users at the May 2011 snapshot is low with only 49 children visiting 309 times, an average of 15 per day. With service usage figures being so low the service is not achieving value for money and more efficient term time out of school services are already delivered locally ie. Chesterton and St Mary's Primary Schools after school programmes, other school based after school activities and playgrounds. It is very probable that existing service users can be signposted to other local after school services were the Activity Centre to cease operation

**3. What information do you have on the service and the potential impact of your service change in relation to the following?**

**List information you have. Do not put what the information shows you**

Information includes number of people using the service, customer satisfaction, feedback on service, results of consultation

Race	<p>Service user monthly snapshot</p> <p>Total number of service users in May 2011 (term time after school only) 49 children visiting 309 times.</p> <p>Ethnicity data provided:</p> <p>Other Asian/Asian British: 2</p> <p>Black British: 6</p> <p>Caribbean: 4</p> <p>African: 7</p> <p>White Black/African: 1</p> <p>White/Black Caribbean: 11</p> <p>Any other mixed ethnicity: 6</p> <p>White British: 4</p> <p>Other White Ethnicity: 4</p> <p>Total BAME 82%.</p>						
Gender	<p>Service user monthly snapshot</p> <p>Males: 23 (47%)</p> <p>Female: 26 (53%)</p>						
Disability	<p>Service user monthly snapshot</p> <p>Disability: 3%</p> <p>No disability: 97%</p>						
Age	<p>Service user monthly snapshot</p> <table><tr><td>Children 5-8:</td><td>21 (50%)</td></tr><tr><td>9-12:</td><td>19 (45%)</td></tr><tr><td>13-16:</td><td>2 (5%)</td></tr></table>	Children 5-8:	21 (50%)	9-12:	19 (45%)	13-16:	2 (5%)
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Faith Not currently collected

Sexual Orientation Not currently collected

**4. Thinking about each group below please list the impact that the service change will have**

	<u>Positive</u> impacts of service change	Possible <u>negative</u> impacts of service change
Race	<p>82% of service users are BAME however the statistical relevance of this is minimal as the actual number of children and young people engaged is significantly low</p> <p>The service is provided during term-time after school.</p> <p>Similar after school opportunities and formal childcare for those families requiring it, are provided for children at Chesterton, St Mary's, Sacred Heart and Shaftesbury Park primary schools. Other school based after school activities are also available and are in close proximity to the Centre</p> <p>The local estate has a small playground and small games area and there are other play facilities within easy reach</p>	<p>Service users are 82% BAME compared to the Borough average of 22.05%</p> <p>82% BAME is above the Borough average and the ward breakdown for Shaftesbury also demonstrates that it is above the ward average of 15%</p> <p>The postcode data shows that 88% live locally to the Centre</p>
Gender	<p>The data shows that attendance by boys and girls is not disproportionate to both Borough averages for males (50%) and females (50%) 5-14 years and Shaftesbury Ward averages males (53%) and females (47%)</p>	

Disability	There is a low prevalence of service users with a disability
Age	The service is provided for young people aged 5-13 years but predominately provides for 5 -12 year olds
Faith	No data collected
Sexual orientation	No data collected

**5. Is a full EIA required? No**

**Comments - Please give the rationale here for not undertaking a full EIA**

Service usage is still significantly low following targeted detached work undertaken by the play workers and a local publicity campaign. Term time after school alternatives are offered at St Mary's RC, Chesterton, Sacred Heart primary schools, which are in close proximity, as are other playgrounds.

**6. Through the initial EIA have you identified any actions that needed to be implemented to improve access to the service or monitoring of the service? (please list)**

The service appears to engage a high proportion of BAME users but in real terms numbers are low.

Alternative after school services are provided at Chesterton, St Mary's, Sacred Heart and Shaftesbury Park primary schools

It is intended to provide continued access to the Activity Centre's Outdoor Play area after school. Catch 22, the voluntary organisation currently delivering the targeted and preventative services in the area for primary aged children, already use the Activity Centre offices and delivery space to provide targeted activities for children and young people during school holidays and this would continue

Signed

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