

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Department	Children's Services, Policy and Development Division, Play and Extended Services
Service	Battersea Park Adventure Playground – the decommissioning of current adventure play structures and their replacement with commercially manufactured equipment
People involved	Head of Service and Service Managers, Centre Staff, Service Users (children and young people and the parents that accompany them to the site)

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 set out in the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). The Section provides a number of directly delivered services including Battersea Park Adventure Playground. This site currently offers children and young people (5-16yrs old) fun, adventurous, indoor and outdoor play opportunities after school, at weekends and during school holidays taking account the priorities within the CYPP. The service is currently offered free of charge and is fully staffed.

The proposed change relates to the decommissioning of the current adventure play structures and their replacement with commercially manufactured equipment. This will mean that the playground does not need to be staffed. The playground will continue to be free to access and the opening hours would be extended in line with those of the park itself.

2. What is the rationale behind these changes?

The Council faces a reduction in budget of £70 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.

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

	Information includes number of people using the service, customer satisfaction feedback on service, results of survey undertaken during Summer 2011 with adults accompanying children entitled 'Securing the Future of Battersea Park Adventure Playground' ,
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	<p>and results of survey of unaccompanied children and young people undertaken during September 2011. Service registration forms.</p> <p>A survey of children and young people on types of equipment that could be included in a design brief was undertaken during February 2012.</p>																																						
Race	<p>Service user data analysis</p> <p>Total number of visits in August 2011: 6008</p> <p>Ethnic group of service users overall % (Borough resident population % 2001 Census)</p> <table> <tr> <td>Asian/Asian British</td><td>7.90 (6.93)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Black/Black British</td><td>20.14 (9.63)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mixed</td><td>13.30 (3.35)</td></tr> <tr> <td>White</td><td>47.77 (77.96)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Other</td><td>3.83 (1.28)</td></tr> <tr> <td>No data</td><td>7.06 (N/A)</td></tr> </table> <p>Total BME service users : 45.1%. This is above the borough average as would be expected as the park is used by a significant number of non-residents.</p> <p>Ethnic group of service users that are Wandsworth residents %</p> <table> <tr> <td>Asian/Asian British</td><td>9.42 (6.93)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Black/Black British</td><td>21.98 (9.63)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mixed</td><td>13.96 (3.35)</td></tr> <tr> <td>White</td><td>44.90 (77.96)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Other</td><td>3.10 (1.28)</td></tr> <tr> <td>No data</td><td>6.64</td></tr> </table> <p>Ethnic group of service users that are non residents %</p> <table> <tr> <td>Asian/Asian British</td><td>6.04</td></tr> <tr> <td>Black/Black British</td><td>17.94</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mixed</td><td>12.16</td></tr> <tr> <td>White</td><td>52.51</td></tr> <tr> <td>Other</td><td>4.77</td></tr> <tr> <td>No data</td><td>6.59</td></tr> </table> <p>Ethnic group of service users that did not specify where resident %</p> <table> <tr> <td>Asian/Asian British</td><td>2.53</td></tr> </table>	Asian/Asian British	7.90 (6.93)	Black/Black British	20.14 (9.63)	Mixed	13.30 (3.35)	White	47.77 (77.96)	Other	3.83 (1.28)	No data	7.06 (N/A)	Asian/Asian British	9.42 (6.93)	Black/Black British	21.98 (9.63)	Mixed	13.96 (3.35)	White	44.90 (77.96)	Other	3.10 (1.28)	No data	6.64	Asian/Asian British	6.04	Black/Black British	17.94	Mixed	12.16	White	52.51	Other	4.77	No data	6.59	Asian/Asian British	2.53
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Black/Black British	12.66
Mixed	15.82
White	39.87
Other	5.70
No data	23.42
Ethnic group of service users at weekends %	
Asian/Asian British	8.15
Black/Black British	13.60
Mixed	10.37
White	54.70
Other	6.23
No data	6.95
Ethnic group of service users at weekends that are residents %	
Asian/Asian British	10.36
Black/Black British	14.86
Mixed	11.94
White	51.13
Other	5.52
No data	6.19
Ethnic group of service users at weekends that are non residents %	
Asian/Asian British	5.75
Black/Black British	11.76
Mixed	7.8
White	59.92
Other	6.84
No data	7.93
Ethnic group of service users at weekends that did not specify where resident %	
Asian/Asian British	4.00
Black/Black British	18.00
Mixed	20.00
White	42.00

	<p>Other 10.00</p> <p>No data 6</p> <p>Securing the Future of Battersea Park Adventure Playground Survey Response analysis.</p> <p>1. BME groups visit slightly more often than the White groups</p> <p>2. BME groups slightly more likely than average to attend after school, but less likely than average in holiday times or weekend.</p> <p>No equality issues were raised by BME respondents in respect of types of equipment</p>
Gender	<p>Gender of service users overall % (Borough resident population % 2010 MYE)</p> <p>Male: 51.50 (49.9)</p> <p>Female: 45.82 (50.1)</p> <p>No data: 2.68</p> <p>Gender of service users that are Wandsworth residents %</p> <p>Male: 52.43 (49.9)</p> <p>Female: 45.19 (50.1)</p> <p>No data: 2.38</p> <p>Gender of service users that are non residents %</p> <p>Male: 50.36 (49.9)</p> <p>Female: 46.60 (50.1)</p> <p>No data: 3.04</p> <p>Gender of service users that did not specify where resident %</p> <p>Male: 48.10</p> <p>Female: 48.10</p> <p>No data: 3.80</p> <p>Gender of service users at weekends %</p> <p>Male: 49.73 (49.9)</p> <p>Female: 47.99 (50.1)</p> <p>No data: 2.28</p> <p>Gender of service users at weekends that are residents %</p> <p>Male: 51.24</p>

	<p>Female: 46.62</p> <p>No data: 2.14</p> <p>Gender of service users at weekends that are non residents %</p> <p>Male: 47.61</p> <p>Female: 49.79</p> <p>No data: 2.60</p> <p>Gender of service users at weekends that did not specify where resident %</p> <p>Male: 54.00</p> <p>Female: 46.00</p> <p>Securing the Future of Battersea Park Adventure Playground Survey Response analysis.</p> <p>1. Females are more likely than males to visit most days.</p> <p>3. There were no other gender differences in respect of the proposed options and nature of service use.</p> <p>No gender issues were raised by respondents in respect of types of equipment</p>
Disability	<p>Disability of service users overall %</p> <p>Disability: 0.93</p> <p>No Disability: 99.07</p> <p>Disability of service users that are Wandsworth residents %</p> <p>Disability: 0.57</p> <p>No Disability: 99.43</p> <p>Disability of service users that are non residents %</p> <p>Disability: 1.44</p> <p>No Disability: 98.56</p> <p>Disability of service users that did not specify where resident %</p> <p>Disability: 1.27</p> <p>No Disability: 98.73</p> <p>Disability of service users at weekends %</p> <p>Disability: 0.84</p> <p>No Disability: 99.16</p> <p>Disability of service users at weekends that are</p>

	<p>residents %</p> <p>Disability: 0.56</p> <p>No Disability: 99.44</p> <p>Disability of service users at weekends that are non residents %</p> <p>Disability: 0.96</p> <p>No Disability: 99.04</p> <p>Disability of service users at weekends that did not specify where resident %</p> <p>Disability: 4.00</p> <p>No Disability: 96.00</p> <p>Securing the Future of Battersea Park Adventure Playground Survey Response analysis.</p> <p>Only 29 respondents out of 964 responding to this survey stated that they had a disability and there were no key messages in respect of the options being proposed.</p> <p>No equality issues were raised in respect of disability by respondents to the survey of types of equipment. It must be noted that access for children with disabilities is always considered when designing and installing Playground Equipment</p>
Age	<p>The services is for children aged 5 -16 years</p> <p>Young people of these ages were invited to comment on potential equipment. The findings of this survey showed that although the majority of children and young people were between the ages of 10 -13 there was no preference for type of equipment related to age.</p>
Faith	<p>Of those respondents completing the survey and demonstrated that 53% were Christian, 30% Other religion, 4% Muslim and then minimal respondents from the Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish and other religion.</p>
Sexual Orientation	No information.

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	The survey undertaken during the summer indicated	When asked what's the most important aspect of the

	<p>that BME groups were more likely than Non BME groups to reduce their use of the playground if a charge introduced. As this option maintains free access this is a positive aspect of this change</p> <p>No issues in relation to race were highlighted during the survey on equipment</p>	<p>playground BME groups far more likely than non BME groups to say "inside area and activities". The decommissioning of the current structures will remove staffing and therefore other activity and use of the inside area. However, this could be mitigated if a voluntary or other sector provider delivered a compatible service from the building.</p>
Gender	<p>The summer survey indicated that female users were more likely to visit 'most days'. Free access would allow this to continue and open access would mean more days per year would be available</p> <p>The equipment survey identified no equipment preferences in relation to gender</p>	<p>Female users when asked what was the most important aspect of the playground females were slightly more likely than males to state the "inside area and activities". The decommissioning of the current structures will remove staffing and therefore other activity and use of the inside area.</p> <p>Petitioners against change at the site suggest that it is considered a safe place to leave children because of the staff team. Removal of the staffing element may mean those that currently leave their children at the site may no longer do so. However, this could be mitigated to some extent if a voluntary or other sector provider delivered a compatible service from the building.</p>
Disability	<p>In line with other playgrounds in the borough any new design will actively consider the needs users with disabilities. Commercially manufactured equipment can be more accessible than current self-build equipment</p>	<p>None identified</p>

	Equipment will be as challenging and accessible as possible.	
Age	The service provides for children aged 5 -16 years. A wide range of commercially manufactured equipment is available for this age range The equipment survey identified no equipment preferences in relation to age	None identified
Faith	No identified impact	No identified impact
Sexual orientation	No information provided	No information provided

5. Is a full EIA required?

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

This EIA is based on the findings of several surveys both on the options for the playground and also for the equipment

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)

Pursuing use of the building by a voluntary group with a Children's Service agenda has the potential to put staffing presence, if not direct supervision, onto the site. This could address some of the concerns raised in the EIA

Signed: Paul Martland

Date: 6th June 2012

Approved by: Mary Evans