

Initial Equality Impact Assessment – Service Change Option 2

Department	Children's Services, Policy and Development Division, Play and Extended Services
Service	Battersea Park Adventure Playground
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 defined by Every Child Matters and articulated locally within 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 is considered to be Option 2

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?

	<p>List information you have. Do not put what the information shows you</p> <p>Information includes number of people using the service, customer satisfaction feedback on service, results of survey undertaken during Summer 2011 with adults accompanying children, and results of survey of unaccompanied children and young people undertaken during September 2011. Service registration forms</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> <tr> <td>Black/Black British</td><td>12.66</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mixed</td><td>15.82</td></tr> <tr> <td>White</td><td>39.87</td></tr> <tr> <td>Other</td><td>5.70</td></tr> <tr> <td>No data</td><td>23.42</td></tr> </table> <p>Ethnic group of service users at weekends %</p>	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	Black/Black British	12.66	Mixed	15.82	White	39.87	Other	5.70	No data	23.42
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	Black/Black British	13.60
	Mixed	10.37
	White	54.70
	Other	6.23
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	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
	Other	10.00
	No data	6
	Securing the Future of Battersea Park Adventure Playground Survey Response analysis.	
	1. BME groups visit slightly more often than the White groups	
	2. BME groups slightly more likely than average to	

	attend after school, but less likely than average in holiday times or weekend.
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 and would be affected by 24 reduction</p> <p>3. There were no other gender differences in respect of the proposed options and nature of service use.</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 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>
Age	The services is for children aged 5 -16 years
Faith	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.
Sexual Orientation	

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 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	When asked what's the most important aspect of the 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.
Gender	The summer survey indicated that female users were more likely to visit 'most days'. Free access would allow this to continue	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

		<p>activity and use of the inside area.</p> <p>Whilst not formal childcare 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.</p>
Disability	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	None identified
Age	The service provides for children aged 5 -16 years. A wide range of commercially manufactured equipment is available for this age range	None identified
Faith	No identified impact	No identified impact
Sexual orientation	No information provided	No information provided

5. Is a full EIA required

The option supported by the Executive will be subject to further consultation which will feed into a full EIA that will be submitted alongside a final paper on Battersea Park Adventure Playground.

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

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)

Further consultation on the preferred option.

Signed

Date

Approved by: Clare O'Connor, 10.01.12