

Equality Impact Assessment

Service Area: Governance

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Name of policy/function/project/service area to be assessed: Section 106 / Public Open Space

Brief description of proposal to be assessed: Allocation of S106 public open space funds towards a number of projects within the district, across communities of Barnstaple, Chulmleigh, Newton Tracey, and Witheridge.

Proposed implementation date of project/proposal: From date of committee through to end of 2022

Brief description of the anticipated outcomes of the proposal

Provision	Current Arrangement	Proposed Arrangement	Comment
Maintenance work for Barnstaple Square Fountain	Maintenance work is required in order for the fountain to be up to standard	Carry out maintenance work on the fountain	Work outside of scope
Pavilion extension at Chulmleigh playing field	An older portacabin on the side of the main building	Replacing portacabin with timber-framed permanent structure to form a second hall for members and toilets that will be accessible for all users including those with additional needs	Construction to apply all building regulations ensuring suitable access standards for all
Provision of play area equipment for younger children at Davy Park, Chulmleigh	No play areas suitable for children age 6 and under in Chulmleigh	Provide and install "learn and play" equipment in Davy Park that younger children can use and is accessible for children with additional needs	The play equipment provided will cater for those with accessibility requirements
Provision of a non-turf practice bay at Newton Tracey Cricket Club	Current bays are not fit for purpose due to being old, worn out and uneven	Provide and install a new practice bay to ensure users have a safe space to practice and is accessible to all users	The non-turf practice bay will provide better access than a standard turf alternative
Provision of a wooden gazebo shelter at Lovacott playing field	No sheltered sitting spaces provided	Provide a sheltered area for any members of the community to sit and provide comfort whether it is for socialising or for some time alone	The park is open to all members of the community

Enhancement of the village hall at Witheridge	Old worn out village hall in major need of upgrade and no longer comply with current building regulations	Upgrade toilets to make them accessible for users with additional needs. Outside the hall, there will be resurfacing work to cover potholes within the car park to ensure those with mobility issues, pushchairs and children can travel safely	The proposed works are to address accessibility issues at the facility. These improvements will have a positive impact on the users.
Refurbishment of the Adventure Playground in Witheridge	Play equipment and safety flooring no longer fit for purpose and need upgrading	Replacement of play equipment to provide accessible equipment for children with additional needs and provision of safety flooring around equipment to provide a safe space for all children of the community to play and socialise in	The play equipment provided will cater for those with accessibility requirements

Impact:

Summarise any positive impacts or benefits, any negative impacts (i.e. potential for discrimination, disadvantage or disproportionate treatment) and any neutral impacts and the evidence you have taken into account to reach this conclusion. Be aware that there may be positive, negative and neutral impacts within each characteristic. (NOTE: please refer to the Equality Strategy for the characteristics) Where an impact is unknown, state so, and identify what steps will be taken to address any gaps in data:

Project	Impact
Maintenance work for Barnstaple Square Fountain	Neutral impact – maintenance work will ensure the fountain runs as standard
Pavilion extension at Chulmleigh playing field	Positive impact – creating additional space for those with additional need, an accessible building with accessible toilets provided
Provision of play area equipment for younger children at Davy Park, Chulmleigh	Positive impact – provide play equipment specifically for those with additional needs to ensure they can be include within the play area
Provision of a non-turf practice bay at Newton Tracey Cricket Club	Positive impact – providing a more safe secure space for users to be able to practice, including those with additional needs
Provision of a wooden gazebo shelter at Lovacott playing field	Positive impact – providing a comfortable sheltered space within the park will ensure users feel more relaxed and lower stress levels
Enhancement of the village hall at Witheridge	Positive impact – providing accessible toilets for those with additional needs to use and also resurfacing potholes to ensure safer travel for those with mobility issues, pushchairs or children.
Refurbishment of the Adventure Playground in Witheridge	Positive impact - provide play equipment specifically for those with additional needs to ensure they can be include within the play area and providing safety flooring to ensure all users can play safely within the play area

Consideration of Alternatives:

Describe what alternatives have been considered and/or what actions will be taken to remove or minimise any potential negative effect identified above (attach evidence or provide link to appropriate data, reports, etc):

No alternatives considered

Consultation:

Brief description of any consultation with stakeholders and summarise how it has influenced the proposal. Please attach evidence or provide link to appropriate data or reports:

Community priorities reviewed frequently through open space process

Funding Considerations:

This allocates the funding in full.

Reporting and Publication:

Equality Impact Assessments will be published on North Devon Council's website.

The completion of an Equality Impact Assessment is an ongoing process. Impacts will be continually reviewed during projects and the decision making process and the Assessment will be updated accordingly and published.

A further assessment will also be undertaken between 6 to 12 months following the implementation of the policy, project, decision or service change has been implemented.

Please also confirm the date on which you will be re-considering the project/report and submitting a further EIA if applicable.

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Monitoring Arrangements:

Briefly describe the monitoring arrangements/systems that will be put in place to monitor the effects of this proposal.

Subject to a funding agreement.

Date approved by Head of Service:

01/10/2021

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