

# Equality Impact Assessment

**Service Area:** Governance

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**Date of Assessment:** 02/11/2021

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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 Filleigh, Witheridge and Newton Tracey.

**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                                                                                                                              |
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| Enhancement of the Filleigh village hall                | Outdated worn interior in need of upgrading                                                               | Improvements to toilets to ensure safety and accessibility to all users.<br>Replacement light fitting in the main area for better lighting to improve visibility and safety.<br>Replacement flooring to improve accessibility.                  | The proposed works will aid accessibility and safety within the village hall.                                                        |
| 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                                                     |

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| 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 |
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### 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Enhancement of the Filleigh village hall                           | Positive impact – improving toilets to make them accessible for those with additional needs, flooring replacement to improve safety and mobility access within the hall and lighting replacement to enable better visibility which in turn also improves safety navigating within the hall. |
| 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                                                             |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                |

### 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.

**Date approved by Head of Service:**

09/11/2021

**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.

n/a

**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.

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09/11/2021

**Corporate and Community Services Use Only:** Date of publication to NDC Website: 09/11/2021