

Integrated Impact Assessment

Name of the service, policy, strategy or project being assessed	Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy		
What does the service, policy, strategy or project do?	Provides a 5 year strategy and action plan for play areas, open space and playing pitches.		
Who is it intended to benefit and how?	Residents and visitors to Chorley borough.		
Officer responsible for completing the assessment	Lindsay Blackstock / Jamie Dixon		
Date of Assessment	30/08/2013	Date of Review	TBC

Introduction

What is an Integrated Impact Assessment?

The integrated impact assessment is a tool to ensure that any policy, project or service is assessed to consider any positive or negative impacts for Chorley residents with regards to equalities, health or sustainability. It is important that this is done in a timely manner and ideally it should precede the start of the project, policy or strategy concerned.

Why do we need to do Impact Assessments?

Chorley Council is committed as a community leader, service provider and employer that we will work to ensure that everybody is afforded equality of opportunity and good life chances. The Impact Assessment is a tool we use to ensure that we fulfil these commitments, and thus meet our legal duties.

Quick Steps for Completion

1. There are four sections;
 - Equality – This section considers the impact on our 7 equality strands, which are; race, age, gender, sexuality, faith, disability and rurality. When completing this section, reference should be made to the Council's [Equality Scheme](#)
 - Sustainability – the impact on environmental and sustainability issues. Reference should be to the [Climate Change Strategy](#)
 - Health – the impact on potential health impacts. Reference should be made to the Health Inequalities Strategy
 - Reputation – the impact on the Council's reputation and our ability to deliver our key priorities. Reference should be made to the Council's [Corporate Strategy](#) and Chorley Partnership's [Sustainable Community Strategy](#)

Each section has a number of questions which should be given a rating, and evidence given for why the rating has been selected.

Code	Description
P	Positive beneficial impact
N	Negative undesirable impact
U	Uncertainty over impact
NI	No specific impact/neutral impact

2. Actions – Once a rating is given, actions should be identified to mitigate any negative impacts or maximise any positive impacts of the policy/project/strategy that is being assessed.
3. Once the toolkit has been completed, changes should be made to the policy/project/service to respond to any actions identified.

If you require further information, please contact Sarah James, the Performance, Partnerships and Equalities Manager, sarah.james@chorley.gov.uk on 5348

Equality Impact Assessment	Yes	No	Evidence		Further action required	
1. Have consultations with relevant groups, organisations or individuals indicated that this particular activity will create problems which are specific to them?	Yes		Strategy based on previous open spaces study undertaken in 2011		Further consultation to be undertaken with relevant groups / stakeholders prior to the formal approval of the new strategy.	
What potential impact does this activity make to:						
	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
1. Equality of opportunity amongst customers of different ages (Age)	P				Wide variety of provision of sites across the borough for various age ranges.	Address any identified deficiencies as detailed in the strategy.
2. Equality of opportunity amongst with or without a physical or mental disability (Disability)	P				Variety of sites across the borough for various disabilities.	Address any identified deficiencies as detailed in the strategy.
3. Equality of opportunity amongst customers of different gender backgrounds (Gender Reassignment)	P				Sites provide equal opportunity for all gender backgrounds.	
4. Equality of opportunity amongst customers who are pregnant or parents (Pregnancy and Maternity)	P				Wide variety of provision of sites across the borough for various age ranges.	Address any identified deficiencies as detailed in the strategy.
5. Equality of opportunity amongst customer groups of different racial backgrounds (Race)	P				Sites provide equal opportunity for all racial backgrounds.	
6. Equality of opportunity amongst customers of different religions (Religion or Belief)	P				Sites provide equal opportunity for all religious backgrounds.	
7. Equality of opportunity amongst customers that live in different parts of Chorley (Rurality)	P				Wide variety of provision of sites across the borough including rural areas.	Address any identified deficiencies as detailed in the strategy.

8. Equality of opportunity amongst male and female customers (Sex)	P				Sites provide equal opportunity for male and female customers.	
9. Equality of opportunity amongst customers of different sexual orientations (Sexual Orientation)	P				Sites provide equal opportunity for all sexual orientations.	

Sustainability Impact Assessment	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity make upon:						
1. The effective protection of Chorley’s environment. Possible issues to consider are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limiting waste generation & encouraging recycling • Limiting factors that contribute to climate change • Protection of and improving access to the natural environment 	P				The strategy seeks to protect, enhance and secure playing pitches, play areas and open spaces.	Address any identified deficiencies or areas for improvement as detailed in the strategy.
2. Prudent usage of natural resources. Possible issues to consider are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limiting use of non sustainable energy, water, minerals and materials • Reducing the need to travel and encouraging walking, cycling and low carbon modes of travel 	P				The strategy seeks to protect and secure sites to provide equal provision across settlements.	Address any identified deficiencies or areas for improvement as detailed in the strategy.
3. Social progress amongst all of Chorley’s communities. Possible issues to consider are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for education and information • Provision of appropriate and sustainable housing • Reduced fear of crime and community safety • Access to cultural and leisure facilities • Encouraging engagement and supporting volunteering 	P				Sites provide equal opportunity for all social backgrounds and accessibility to cultural, leisure and volunteering opportunities.	

Sustainability Impact Assessment	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
<p>4. A vibrant local economy in Chorley. Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting better quality jobs and developing the skills of local residents Supporting local business by procuring goods and services locally Strengthening links with public, private and third sector partners 	P				Sufficient and well managed open spaces will enhance the local environment, health and wellbeing of residents thus supporting the local economy.	

Health Impact Assessment	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity make upon:						
<p>1. Encouraging healthy lifestyles across Chorley's population. Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diet and nutrition Exercise and physical activity Substance use: tobacco, alcohol and drugs Risk taking behaviour Education and learning, or skills 	P				Wide provision of access to open spaces providing and promoting opportunities for exercise and physical activity.	
<p>2. Promoting a positive social environment for all of Chorley's residents. Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social status Employment (paid or unpaid) Social/family support Stress/Mental Health Income 	P				Wide provision of public open space providing opportunities for family activities and social inclusion.	

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3. Promoting a positive physical environment across Chorley. Possible issues to consider are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living conditions • Working conditions • Accidental injuries or public safety • Transmission of infectious disease 	P				Wide provision of public open space that enhances the physical environment and promotes healthy living and working conditions.	

Reputational Impact Assessment	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity make upon:						
<p>1. Chorley Council's reputation. Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proving to local residents that we provide value for money • Informing and engaging with local residents • Building trust and confidence in Chorley Council • Improving customer satisfaction with council services • Chorley Council's role as a community leader 	P				Chorley Council owns and maintains much of the open space. Maintenance of greenspace is regarded as being of good or excellent quality by residents.	
<p>2. Our ability to deliver the Corporate Strategy. Issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A council that consults and engages with residents ▪ An ambitious council that continually strives to improve 	P				The strategy directly supports and helps to deliver <i>clean, safe and healthy communities and to involve residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all.</i>	
<p>3. Our ability to deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy. Issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong Family Support • Education and Jobs • Being Healthy • Pride in Quality Homes and Clean Communities • Safe Respectful Communities • Quality Community Services and Spaces • Vibrant Local Economy • Thriving Town Centre, Local Attractions and Villages • Sustainable Places and Transport 	P				The strategy supports the SCS by providing open spaces that promote economic, social, environmental and health benefits.	

Integrated Impact Assessment Action Plan

If any further actions were identified through the Integrated Impact Assessment then these should be listed in the table below. These should be added to the relevant business/service plan to ensure that any actions are carried out.

Actions needed following Integrated Impact Assessment	Start Date	End Date	Lead Officer
Further review to be undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Sep-13	Dec-13 TBC	Jamie Dixon
Further consultation with groups and stakeholders to be undertaken prior to final approval.	Nov-13	Jan-14	Lindsey Blackstock