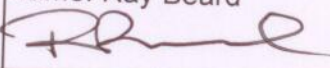


Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) SUMMARY (Publishing Form)

Title of Policy/Function/Service:	Review of Parks & Open Spaces
Directorate/Department: Head of Service:	Neighbourhood Services Ray Beard
Telephone No: Email Address:	0300 100 1800
Names/ Job titles of Assessors	Jacqueline Whitelaw/ Business Officer
Summary of Policy / Service /Function aims:	<p>Originally a review of Parks and Open Spaces, this project has now been widened to cover a range of services delivered by Neighbourhood Operations.</p> <p>Aims – To review how these services are delivered to best meet community needs, engender increased community involvement and partnership working and improved efficiency of service delivery which will release cost savings.</p> <p>Objectives – To adopt a set of principles that can then be developed further with local members and communities on a community by community base.</p> <p>Produce within the overall review a plan for delivering the required financial savings.</p>
Strands Impacted: Please note: If you leave any box blank in this section you will have decided that your proposed service or function has no impact on that particular strand.	Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Race <input type="checkbox"/> Religion or Belief <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty/Social Exclusion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of key issues arising and decisions made	<p>The impact of the proposals is considered to be low in relation to the (age, disability, health and poverty) protected characteristics. The provision of well maintained parks and opens spaces</p> <p>The provision of well maintained parks and opens spaces provides opportunities for groups and individuals to participate in sport, provides the opportunity for all to exercise and socialise thereby improving health and wellbeing.</p> <p>This also enables to Council to achieve National Outcome (6) We live longer, happier lives.</p> <p>A review of public toilet usage has been undertaken this determined whether facilities should be retained and maintained by the Council or alternative facilities provided (i.e. Comfort Scheme).</p>

<p>Summary of key recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of criteria to be used for evaluation and assessment of open spaces (e.g. ownership, maintenance costs, economic outputs, carbon impact, landscape impact assessment, equalities impact, cultural importance (heritage merit), accessibility). <p>The proposals may also contribute to a positive outcome:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for the creation of woodland/orchard areas/wildlife areas • Opportunities for local food (allotments etc) • Reduction in carbon use • Comfort Schemes to replace public toilet facilities <p>Proposed Consultation:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Councils • Registered Social Landlords • Formation of a Project Group • Engagement with other Local Councils (benchmarking) 	
<p>Agreed by Head of Service</p>	<p>Name: Ray Beard</p> 	<p>Date: 9th December 2013</p>