


EQUALITY ANALYSIS QUALITY ASSURANCE CHECKLIST

Name of 'proposal' and how has it been implemented (proposal can be a policy, service, function, strategy, project, procedure, restructure/savings proposal)	Pocket Parks PID 2018
Directorate / Service	Parks and Open Space
Lead Officer	Alice Bigelow
Signed Off By (inc date)	Judith St Johns
Summary – to be completed at the end of completing the QA (using Appendix A)	<div>  Proceed with implementation </div> <p>I would therefore suggest that this project meet the criteria of the Public Equality Duty contained within the Equality Act 2010</p>

Stage	Checklist Area / Question	Yes / No / Unsure	Comment (If the answer is no/unsure, please ask the question to the SPP Service Manager or nominated equality lead to clarify)
1	Overview of Proposal		
a	Are the outcomes of the proposals clear?	Yes	Parks and open spaces are a scarce resource in Tower Hamlets with many parts of the borough significantly below national access standards. The Pocket Parks programme provides a creative means of bringing neglected, poorly used

			<p>spaces back into vibrant use. In addition as a Mayoral priority it also meets the desires of residents to be engaged and involved in improving local small spaces in partnership with the Council. This is an innovative approach to both sustaining and managing open spaces.</p> <p>The PID has 4 elements: A12 - The Pocket complements the A12 Acoustic Barrier, with a proposal to increase greening, improve air quality and reduce noise pollution. Ropewalk Gardens - It was proposed that an outdoor gym, with equipment options and design chosen by the local community would be put into Ropewalk Gardens as an outdoor space which can be easily accessed by the patients from Whitechapel Health Centre and City Wellbeing Practice. Marner - This project will be designed in consultation with families and residents with the aim to create an outdoor green/social space for mixed community use, focused primarily on air quality. Chicksand - The project aims to transform the underused green space between Kingwood and Bloomfield House on the Chicksand East Estate into a welcoming, safe open space for children and adults, including, seating, quiet spaces, natural planting areas and community growing garden that will encourage residents to use, care and value their green space.</p>
b	Is it clear who will be or is likely to be affected by what is being proposed (inc service users and staff)? Is there information about the equality profile of those affected?	Yes	<p>There are clear needs to further develop open space across the Borough, due to low levels of green space that we currently have - 1.04ha of open space per 1,000 residents, which is half the England average.</p> <p>These environmental improvements will in particular make it easier for children and families to be more physically active. Green space also has positive impact on mental wellbeing. Increasing and improving the provision of green space to</p>

			overcome the deficiency of open space is seen as one of the major challenges to encouraging healthier lifestyles.
2	Monitoring / Collecting Evidence / Data and Consultation		
a	Is there reliable qualitative and quantitative data to support claims made about impacts?	Yes	Identified as a priority in the JSNA and supported through numerous strategies such as Green Grid, HWB Strategy and Open Space strategy.
	Is there sufficient evidence of local/regional/national research that can inform the analysis?	Yes	See above.
b	Has a reasonable attempt been made to ensure relevant knowledge and expertise (people, teams and partners) have been involved in the analysis?	Yes	The analysis has involved partnership working across the Council and boroughwide stakeholders. Delivery will also be in partnership with the community to co design infrastructure to support ownership and sustainability.
c	Is there clear evidence of consultation with stakeholders and users from groups affected by the proposal?	Yes	Yes. Significant effort is going to be undertaken to support consultation with families and residents to support design. The co-design approach is supported by the communities strategy.
3	Assessing Impact and Analysis		
a	Are there clear links between the sources of evidence (information, data etc) and the interpretation of impact amongst the nine protected characteristics?	Yes	
b	Is there a clear understanding of the way in which proposals applied in the same way can have unequal impact on different groups?	Yes	
4	Mitigation and Improvement Action Plan		
a	Is there an agreed action plan?	Yes	Each project has a clear delivery plan. See the attached PID.
b	Have alternative options been explored	No	The Mayor has a priority to develop 10 new pocket, this PID is in direct response to this Mayoral priority.
5	Quality Assurance and Monitoring		
a	Are there arrangements in place to review or audit the implementation of the proposal?	Yes	The Project Board will manage project delivery against programme milestones and the benefits realised against

			<p>project objectives and the benefits sought. Project evaluation will be an integral part of the overall project management, contract management and commissioning processes.</p> <p>Elements of the programme will also be subject to evaluation.</p>
b	Is it clear how the progress will be monitored to track impact across the protected characteristics??	Yes	I believe that all projects associated with this PID will be fully compliant with the requirements and philosophy of the 2010 Equality Act and the Disability Equality Duty contained within the Disability Discrimination Act. All referenced standards and planning guidance within these documents will be adhered to.
6	Reporting Outcomes and Action Plan		
a	Does the executive summary contain sufficient information on the key findings arising from the assessment?	Yes	