

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

NAME OF NEW OR REVISED PROPOSAL*	C32 - Deletion of Match Funding for Community Schemes Budget – Bargoed Ice Rink & Senghenydd Splash Pad
DIRECTORATE	Corporate Services
SERVICE AREA	Miscellaneous Finance
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DATE FOR NEXT REVIEW OR REVISION	N/A

***Throughout this Equalities Impact Assessment Form, ‘proposal’ is used to refer to what is being assessed, and therefore includes policies, strategies, functions, procedures, practices, initiatives, projects and savings proposals.**

The aim of an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is to ensure that Equalities and Welsh Language issues have been proactively considered throughout the decision making processes governing work undertaken by every service area in the Council as well as work done at a corporate level.

The Council’s work across Equalities, Welsh Language and Human Rights is covered in more detail through the **Equalities and Welsh Language Objectives and Action Plan 2016-2020**.

When carrying out an EIA you should consider both the positive and negative consequences of your proposals. If a project is designed for a specific group e.g. disabled people, you also need to think about what potential effects it could have on other areas e.g. young people with a disability, BME people with a disability.

There are a number of supporting guidance documents available on the **Corporate Policy Unit Portal** and the Council’s Equalities and Welsh Language team can provide advice as the EIA is being developed. Please note that the team does not write EIAs on behalf of service areas, the support offered is in the form of advice, suggestions and in effect, quality control.

Contact equalities@caerphilly.gov.uk for assistance.

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL

1	<p>What is the proposal intended to achieve? <i>(Please give a brief description and outline the purpose of the new or updated proposal by way of introduction.)</i></p> <p>The proposal is to withdraw CCBC's match funding for the Bargoed Ice Rink and the Splash Pad in Senghenydd.</p> <p>The Bargoed Ice Rink is currently partly funded by Bargoed Town Council and the CCBC Match Funding for Community Schemes budget.</p> <p>The Senghenydd Splash Pad is currently funded by Aber Valley Community Council and the CCBC Match Funding for Community Schemes budget.</p> <p>This proposal will deliver a saving of £15k.</p>
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2	<p>Who are the service users affected by the proposal? <i>(Who will be affected by the delivery of this proposal? e.g. staff members, the public generally, or specific sections of the public i.e. youth groups, carers, road users, people using country parks, people on benefits etc. Are there any data gaps?)</i></p> <p><u>Bargoed Ice Rink</u> Bargoed Ice Rink 2019/20 – Event Footfall 1,914 (excluding school visits).</p> <p>The Bargoed Ice Rink attracted 28% of total admissions through school groups which for 2019/20 was an additional 736 to the above figure.</p> <p><u>Senghenydd Splash Pad</u> Caerphilly County Borough Council does not play an active part in the management of this facility. The financial contribution has been made to assist with the facility's operation and management.</p>
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IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC AND STAFF

3	<p>Does the proposal ensure that everyone has an equal access to all the services available or proposed, or benefits equally from the proposed changes, or does not lose out in greater or more severe ways due to the proposals? <i>(What has been done to examine whether or not these groups have equal access to the service, or whether they need to receive the service in a different way from other people?)</i></p> <p>The withdrawal of the match funding will place an additional burden on Bargoed Town Council to consider making up the shortfall in funding and may possibly lead to the ice rink not taking place from 2020 onwards.</p>
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	The removal of the match funding for the Splash Pad could have an impact on the viability of the facility. However, the Partnership would need to obtain other sources of grant income (which are not available to the Council) to replace the lost revenue.		
4	Is your proposal going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics? <i>(Has the service delivery been examined to assess if there is any indirect effect on any groups? Could the consequences of the policy or savings proposal differ dependent upon people's protected characteristics?)</i>		
	Protected Characteristic	Positive, Negative, Neutral	Relevance of the Policy or Practice
	Age	Negative	If the splash pad were to close due to the lack of funding, it could have an adverse effect on young people/children.
	Disability	Neutral	The withdrawal of the match-funding for the Splash Pad does not directly impact these groups. The withdrawal of match-funding for Bargoed Ice Rink does not directly impact these groups.
	Gender Reassignment	Neutral	
	Marriage & Civil Partnership	Neutral	
	Pregnancy and Maternity	Neutral	
	Race	Neutral	
	Religion & Belief	Neutral	
	Sex	Neutral	
	Sexual Orientation	Neutral	
5	In line with the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards. (No.1) Regulations 2015, please note below what effects, if any (whether positive or adverse), the proposal would have on opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. <i>(The specific Policy Making Standards requirements are Standard numbers 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93. The full detail of each Standard is available on the Corporate Policy Unit Portal. Although it is important that what is outlined in the proposal is available in Welsh and English, please consider wider impacts on Welsh speakers.)</i> Not applicable		

INFORMATION COLLECTION

6	<p>Please outline any evidence and / or research you have collected which supports the proposal? This can include an analysis of service users. <i>(Is this service effectively engaging with all its potential users or is there higher or lower participation of uptake by one or more protected characteristic groups? If so, what has been done to address any difference in take up of the service? Does any savings proposal include an analysis of those affected?)</i></p> <p><u>Bargoed Ice Rink</u> Bargoed Ice Rink 2019/20 – Event Footfall 1,914 (excluding school visits)</p> <p>The Bargoed Ice Rink attracted 28% of total admissions through school groups which for 2019/20 was an additional 736 to the above figure.</p> <p>An analysis of social media (Facebook) data shows that visitors expressing an intention to attend the Bargoed Ice Rink are predominately female at 93% compared to 7% of males expressing an interest to attend.</p> <p><u>Senghenydd Splash Pad</u> Caerphilly County Borough Council does not play an active part in the management of this facility. The financial contribution has been made to assist with the facility's operation and management.</p>
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CONSULTATION

7	<p>Please outline the consultation / engagement process and outline any key findings. <i>(Include method of consultation, objectives and target audience. What steps have been taken to ensure that people from various groups have been consulted during the development of this proposal? Have you referred to the Equalities Consultation and Monitoring Guidance?)</i></p> <p>The withdrawal of funding for both bodies was considered as part of the 2019/20 budget proposals but was deferred by one year to allow for a period of time for alternative funding sources to be explored.</p> <p>The proposed withdrawal of funding from April 2020 will be considered as part of the Council's wider eight-week consultation on the 2020/21 Draft Budget Proposals.</p>
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MONITORING AND REVIEW

8	<p>How will the proposal be monitored? <i>(What monitoring process has been set up to assess the extent that the service is being used by all sections of the community, or that the savings proposals are achieving the intended outcomes with no adverse impact? Are comments or</i></p>
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complaints systems set up to record issues by Equalities category to be able analyse responses from particular groups?)

Verbal feedback and online comments will be monitored regularly including comments and complaints from members of the public and other interested stakeholders.

Footfall data will continue to be monitored.

9 How will the monitoring be evaluated?

(What methods will be used to ensure that the needs of all sections of the community are being met?)

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Footfall data will continue to be monitored.

10 Have any support / guidance / training requirements been identified?

(Has the EIA or consultation process shown a need for awareness raising amongst staff, or identified the need for Equalities or Welsh Language training of some sort?)

None

11 If any adverse impact has been identified, please outline any mitigation action.

Bargoed Ice Rink

If the Ice Rink does not continue there is potential mitigation in the form of an ice rink opening in Caerphilly Castle for an extended period over four weeks that has good direct transport links via rail, bus and road to Bargoed and the surrounding catchment area.

Senghenydd Splash Pad

The withdrawal of match funding from CCBC may result in the Splash Pad not being available from the 1st April 2020.

There are possible funding avenues that Aber Valley Community Council could explore to make up the withdrawal of funding.

The nearest Splash Park is based in Morgan Jones Park which is less than 5 miles away from Senghenydd.

12	<p>What wider use will you make of this Equality Impact Assessment? <i>(What use will you make of this document i.e. as a consultation response, appendix to approval reports, publicity etc. in addition to the mandatory action shown below?)</i></p> <p>The process of considering these matters will feed into the Council's 2020/21 draft budget proposals for public consultation, which includes, online Consultation, Newline, drop-in sessions and a Viewpoint Panel meeting.</p> <p>The EIA will be attached to the report proposing the change to be approved which will be published on the Council's website.</p>
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13	<p>An equality impact assessment may have four possible outcomes, though more than one may apply to a single proposal. Please indicate the relevant outcome(s) of the impact assessment below.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Please tick as appropriate:</p> <p>No major change – the impact assessment demonstrated that the proposal was robust; there was no potential for discrimination or adverse impact. All opportunities to promote equality have been taken. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Adjust the proposal – the impact assessment identified potential problems or missed opportunities. The proposal was adjusted to remove barriers or better promote equality. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Continue the proposal – the impact assessment identified the potential problems or missed opportunities to promote equality. The justification(s) for continuing with it have been clearly set out. (The justification must be included in the impact assessment and must be in line with the duty to have due regard. Compelling reasons will be needed for the most important relevant proposals.) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Stop and remove the proposal – the impact assessment identified actual or potential unlawful discrimination. The proposal was stopped and removed, or changed. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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