

## Resident Impact Assessment

**Title of policy, procedure, function, service activity or financial decision:** The procurement of contracts for the operation, delivery and facilities management of Islington's 12 adventure playgrounds.

**Service Area:** Play and Youth Commissioning

### 1. What are the intended outcomes of this policy, function etc?

The intended outcome of these procurements is to secure the ongoing delivery of a high quality play work offer across Islington's 12 adventure playgrounds from October 2019 as well as the effective management of the adventure play buildings and spaces.

### 2. Equality impacts

With reference to the [guidance](#), please describe what are the equality and socio-economic impacts for residents and what are the opportunities to challenge prejudice or promote understanding?

These procurements will, as a minimum, maintain the current levels of service delivery at Islington's 12 adventure playgrounds, for example, the number of hours per year the service is available, availability of the service across term and holiday times and the number of locations from which the service is delivered.

By investing in a high quality adventure play offer, the council is likely to be contributing to the elimination of discrimination against children and families. These services will provide a wide range of high quality, inclusive, 'earliest help' programming through adventure playgrounds that will be centred around the needs of the children, their families and local communities. Based on regular and robust needs analyses, the council has identified that adventure playgrounds reach some of the most deprived communities in Islington.

These contracts will provide children with access to fun, exciting, safe (yet risky), well-supported, inclusive and natural play experiences that will support their physical and emotional health and wellbeing. Children will have opportunities to develop their own

projects, build their social and emotional skills and explore the world around them, including their neighbourhoods, communities and the wider world.

Through providing these opportunities, the contracts will bring children from a range of different ages, abilities, gender identities, cultures and backgrounds closer together in a safe and supportive environment, fostering better understanding and communication, challenging stereotypes and developing mutual understanding.

These contracts represent a long-term commitment in resources invested by the council in both play and youth services, and it is expected that they will attract additional children to the offer over the life of the proposed contract length. The play offer as a whole is currently slightly under used by families of Asian and some African (i.e. Nigerian and Somalian) descent, however there is no evidence to suggest that these contracts will impact negatively on these groups' participation or on any others, as an improvement in quality and an extension of the range of the offer is likely to raise participation levels across all ethnic groups.

There will be opportunities to create better offers for some children with protected characteristics through the requirement of the appointed service providers to co-produce the offer with children, families and the wider community. This means that the services will respond to the needs and wants of children and families alongside appropriate professional guidance, and that different groups or pieces of work will emerge that are flexible to changing communities within an evolving local and national picture for children and families.

### **3. Safeguarding and Human Rights impacts**

#### **a) Safeguarding risks and Human Rights breaches**

Please describe any safeguarding risks for children or vulnerable adults AND any potential human rights breaches that may occur as a result of the proposal? Please refer to **section 4.8 of the [guidance](#)** for more information.

None

If potential safeguarding and human rights risks are identified then **please contact [equality@islington.gov.uk](mailto:equality@islington.gov.uk) to discuss further:**

### **4. Action**

How will you respond to the impacts that you have identified in sections 3 and 4, or address any gaps in data or information?

For more information on identifying actions that will limit the negative impact of the policy for protected groups see the [guidance](#).

Action	Responsible person or team	Deadline
N/A		

Please send the completed RIA to [equalites@islington.gov.uk](mailto:equalites@islington.gov.uk) and also make it publicly available online along with the relevant policy or service change.

**This Resident Impact Assessment has been completed in accordance with the guidance and using appropriate evidence.**

**Staff member completing this form:**

Signed: Christine Lehmann

Date: 16/11/2018

**Head of Service or higher:**

Signed: Holly Toft

Date: 20/11/2018