

Additional Needs Play Area at the HSCP Facility in Levensgrove Park

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	<i>(Please note: the word 'policy' is used as shorthand for strategy policy function or financial decision)</i>			
Policy Title	Additional Needs Play Area at the HSCP Facility in Levensgrove Park			
	The aim, objective,purpose and intended out come of policy			
	The installation of an additional needs play area at the HSCP facility in Levensgrove Park.			
	Service/Partners/Stakeholders/service users involved in the development and/or implementation of policy.			
	West Dunbartonshire Greenspace Health and Social Care Partnership Kilpatrick School and associated organisations			
Does the proposals involve the procurement of any goods or services?			Yes	
If yes please confirm that you have contacted our procurement services to discuss your requirements.			Yes	
SCREENING				
<i>You must indicate if there is any relevance to the four areas</i>				
Duty to eliminate discrimination (E), advance equal opportunities (A) or foster good relations (F)			Yes	
Relevance to Human Rights (HR)			Yes	
Relevance to Health Impacts (H)			Yes	
Relevance to Social Economic Impacts (SE)			Yes	
Who will be affected by this policy?				
Families with children requiring an additional needs play area.				
Who will be/has been involved in the consultation process?				
Kilpatrick School and associated groups. HSCP. Service Users in existing HSCP facility in Levensgrove Park.				
Please outline any particular need/barriers which equality groups may have in relation to this policy list evidence you are using to support this and whether there is any negative impact on particular groups.				
	Needs	Evidence	Impact	
Age	There is a lack of suitable high-quality, specialised play areas for children with additional needs in West	Feedback from service users, families and disabled groups.	The creation of the new play area will have a positive impact on children through the installation of age	

	Dunbartonshire.		appropriate play equipment for children with additional needs.
Cross Cutting	N/A		
Disability	<p>There is a requirement to include suitable disabled play equipment in the design of all new play areas and the recently installed play area in Levensgrove Park achieves this. However it has been determined that there is an additional requirement for a dedicated additional needs play area in the park for children and their families who's children are unable to cope with other children and crowds. The play area will include non-disabled equipment to allow families with disabled and non-disabled children to enjoy quality time together.</p>	<p>Feedback from service users, families and disabled groups. An example is the requests for a specialised wheelchair swing which cannot be located in standard play areas due to their weight. The additional needs play area is an ideal location for this equipment which can be used under supervision.</p>	<p>The installation of the additional needs play area will have a positive impact on families and children who require this specialist facility.</p>
Social & Economic Impact	N/A		
Sex	N/A		
Gender Reassign	N/A		
Health	<p>is widespread concern that levels of physical activity have declined among children. Providing suitable play areas is supportive of physical activity.</p>	<p>Biological and medical researchers have examined the health benefits of outdoor activity (Florez, et. al., 2007) and suggested links to positive impacts on, for example, blood pressure and cholesterol levels (Maller et. al. 2005;</p>	<p>The new play area will have a positive impact on children's health through making them more active.</p>

		Hartig, et. al. 2003)		
Human Rights	The Council has a requirement to ensure that children's Human Rights are recognised.	The United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child.	The new play area will contribute towards children's right to education, leisure, culture and the arts.	
Marriage & Civil Partnership	N/A			
Pregnancy & Maternity	N/A			
Race	N/A			
Religion and Belief	N/A			
Sexual Orientation	N/A			
Actions				
Policy has a negative impact on an equality group, but is still to be implemented, please provide justification for this.				
Will the impact of the policy be monitored and reported on an ongoing bases?				
Q7 What is your recommendation for this policy?				
Introduce				
Please provide a meaningful summary of how you have reached the recommendation				
The installation of the new additional needs play area will have positive benefits for the children of West Dunbartonshire and should proceed as planned.				