Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Tool

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Glossary of Terms

Term	Description	
SEND	Special Educational Needs & Disabilities	
ASC	Autism Spectrum Condition	
DfE	Department for Education	
SRP	Specialist Resourced Provision	
EHCP	Education Health & Care Plan	
MLD	Moderate learning difficulties	
SCAPE	Systems, Components, Architectural Products and Environments, which is a Procurement Framework to appoint designers and contractors	

Section 1 – Equality Impact

(NCC staff/ Service users/ Citizen/ Community impact)

1. a. Brief description of proposal/ policy/ service to be assessed

The proposal is to create a specialist SEN provision at both the Glade Hill Primary School and the Fernwood (secondary) School. This will create additional specialist places for children with complex needs or who have an education, health and care plan (EHCP).

This project was previously endorsed within Phase 1 of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2023-28, which was approved by Executive Board on 19 September 2023. Then in October 2023, the funding was approved for the survey and early design works.

<u>The specialist resourced provision at Glade Hill Primary School</u> proposes to add an additional building to their site to further support their inclusive provision for pupils with complex SEND. This provision will be designed to accommodate 16 children who have a diagnosis of autistic spectrum condition (ASC) who find it challenging to learn in whole class situations in mainstream education. The single storey unit will consist of two classrooms, a sensory room, and additional support areas as well as a purpose-built outdoor play area.

<u>The specialist resourced provision at The Fernwood School</u> proposes to add an additional facility to the site to accommodate 24 pupils in Key Stages 3 and 4, who have moderate learning difficulties (MLD) and some with ASC. The specialist base will be a new two-storey building and will consist of four class bases a sensory room and a number of additional support areas. The planned opening date for both new provisions is currently November 2025.

1. b. Information used to analyse the equalities implications

A four-week statutory consultation was undertaken with all affected stakeholders including parents, schools and local residents, in relation to the proposal for each scheme. Details about the proposals to create a SEND unit were set out and shared on the school website and direct communication to all parents/carers, to the local primary and secondary schools and the local ward councillors. Responses to the proposal were invited either via an online consultation feedback form or a dedicated email address, or in person, to capture the views of all stakeholders.

Fernwood Academy received 1 response to the consultation, which was from an existing parent. The Head Teacher of the school replied directly to the parent with responses to each question or comments raised.

Glade Hill Primary school received 2 responses to the consultation, and both were in support of the proposal.

The Specialist Resourced Provisions will allow pupils with specific needs to be supported in their local school and to remain with their peer group. The alternative would be that the pupils would go to an independent school or outside the city boundary, with further to travel, rather than remaining within their local community. Creating this specialist facility will help pupils with complex needs to have the specialist teaching and support that they require.

If the report is approved then contractors will be procured using the Scape Regional Framework, which is a direct award process, although it is a competitive tender to get on the framework. All of these are compliant routes for procuring works. Contractors on the SCAPE framework have key

performance indicators in place to ensure they monitor local spend and involve small to medium enterprises where possible. The information is monitored by SCAPE and reviewed by the City Council Procurement team.

1. c. Who will be affected and how?

Equality group/ individual	Impact type	Positive	Negative	None
People from different ethnic groups	 □ NCC staff ⊠ Service users ⊠ Citizens □ Community 	\boxtimes		
Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence)	The school serves an ethnical	ly diverse pupil	community.	
Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality				
Details of any arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact (Including any action plans)				
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Equality group/ individual	Impact type	Positive	Negative	None
Men	 NCC staff Service users Citizens Community 			\boxtimes
Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence)				

Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality				
Details of any arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact (Including any action plans)				
Equality group/ individual	Impact type	Positive	Negative	None
Women	 NCC staff Service users Citizens Community 			
Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence)				
Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality				
Details of any arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact (Including any action plans)				
Equality group/ individual	Impact type	Positive	Negative	None
Trans	 NCC staff Service users Citizens Community 			\boxtimes

Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence)				
Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality				
Details of any arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact (Including any action plans)				
Equality group/ individual	Impact type	Positive	Negative	None
Disabled people/ Carers	 □ NCC staff ⊠ Service users □ Citizens ⊠ Community 			
Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence)	The proposal is to increase specialist education provision for children with complex SEND. The specialist provisions will provide a purpose designed environment specifically for pupils with complex needs, while supporting them to access the mainstream curriculum with their peers as appropriate, according to their specific needs.			
Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality				
Details of any arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact (Including any action plans)				
Equality group/ individual	Impact type	Positive	Negative	None

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Pregnancy and maternity	 NCC staff Service users Citizens Community 			
Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence)				
Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality				
Details of any arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact (Including any action plans)				
Equality group/ individual	Impact type	Positive	Negative	None
Marriage/ Civil Partnership	 NCC staff Service users Citizens Community 			
Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence)				
Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality				
Details of any arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact (Including any action plans)				

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Equality group/ individual	Impact type	Positive	Negative	None
People of different faiths/ beliefs and those with none	 □ NCC staff ⊠ Service users □ Citizens ⊠ Community 			
Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence)	Both schools serve diverse communities.			
Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality				
Details of any arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact (Including any action plans)				
Equality group/ individual	Impact type	Positive	Negative	None
Lesbian/ Gay/ Bisexual people	 NCC staff Service users Citizens Community 			
Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence)				
Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality				

Details of any arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact (Including any action plans)				
Equality group/ individual	Impact type	Positive	Negative	None
Older	 NCC staff Service users Citizens Community 			
Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence)				
Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality				
Details of any arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact (Including any action plans)				
Equality group/ individual	Impact type	Positive	Negative	None
Younger	 □ NCC staff ⊠ Service users □ Citizens ⊠ Community 			
Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence)	The provisions and for primary aged pupils aged 11-16 (Fern		(Glade Hill) and	secondary
Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality				

Details of any arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact (Including any action plans)				
Equality group/ individual	Impact type	Positive	Negative	None
Care Experience (Please refer to the guidance notes for further information)	 NCC staff Service users Citizens Community 			
Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence) Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality				
Details of any arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact (Including any action plans)				
Equality group/ individual	Impact type	Positive	Negative	None
Other (E.g. Cohesion/ good relations, vulnerable children/ adults), socio- economic background (e.g. financial vulnerable)	 NCC staff Service users Citizens Community 			
Reasons for your assessment (Including evidence)	Supporting a diverse community for vulnerable children and young people from a range of socio-economic backgrounds and with complex SEND.			
Details of mitigation/ actions taken to advance equality				
Details of any arrangements for				

future monitoring of equality impact	
(Including any action	
plans)	
1. d. Summary of any	other potential impact

(Including cumulative impact/ human rights implications):

Section 2 – Equality outcome

Please include summary of the actions identified to reduce disproportionate negative impact, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations. Please pull out all the mitigations you have identified and summarise them in this action plan.

Equality Outcome	Adjustments to proposal and/or mitigating SMART actions	Lead Officer	Date for Review/ Completion	Update/ complete
Eliminate unlawful				
discrimination,				
harassment,				
victimisation, and any				
other conduct				
prohibited by the				
Equality Act 2010.				
Advance equality of				
opportunity between				
those who share a				
protected				

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characteristic and			
those who don't			
Foster good relations			
between those who			
share a protected			
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characteristic and			
those who don't			
(Please add other	Once the works		
equality outcomes as	are completed,		
required – e.g.,	we will ask		
	schools to		
mitigate adverse	complete an end		
impact identified for	user feedback		
people with a			
disability)	form on how we		
aloability)	have performed		
	and how the		
	works were		
	managed on site.		
	As part of the		
	benefit realisation		
	stage of the		
	project we will		
	carry out post-		
	occupancy		
	reviews. These		
	will be		
	undertaken to		
	ensure that the		
	projects have met		
	the needs of the		
	individual		
	schools. If any		
	equality impacts		
	have arisen, the		
	EIA will be		
	updated to reflect		
	the impacts along		
	with mitigation.		
	with mitigation.		

Outcome(s) of equality impact assessment:

\square	No major change needed	Adjust the policy/proposal
	Adverse impact but continue	Stop and remove the policy/proposal

Please note: All actions will need to be uploaded onto Pentana

Section 3 – Approval and publishing

The assessment must be approved by the manager responsible for the service /proposal. Approving Director details (name, role, contact details): Nick Lee, Director of Education. <u>nicholas.lee@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</u> Approving Director Signature:	Date sent for advice:
Author Signature: Lucy Juby	23/09/2024
Equality Team Signature: Rosey Donovan	Date of final approval: 23/09/2024

For further information and guidance, please visit the <u>Equality Impact Assessment</u> Intranet Pages

Alternatively, you can contact the Equality and Employability Team by telephone on 0115 876 2747

Send document or link for advice and/ or publishing to: edi@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE: FINAL VERSION <u>MUST BE SENT TO EQUALITIES</u> OTHERWISE RECORDS WILL REMAIN INCOMPLETE.