

**Disability Equality Impact Assessment Questionnaire**

<b>Policy/Service/Change being assessed:</b> Only maintain South Park Bowling Green	<b>Department:</b> Place
<b>Person Responsible for Assessment:</b> Brian Graham	<b>Date of assessment:</b> 19.01.12

**Brief description of service and to whom provided/available:**

This proposal would mean that the Council would expect Bowling Clubs to maintain 6 of the 7 bowling greens in the Borough with the Council only maintaining the green in South Park. The Council are currently working with the Darlington Parks Bowls Association who have now formed and are preparing to take over the running of the other bowling greens from 1 April 2012. Should the proposal for self-management of bowling greens fail, then all but one of the previously maintained Council bowling green in the Borough will remain for use to the general public.

A series of meetings has been held with the bowling fraternity to assist them in the self-management of the bowling greens alongside advice given to them by both the Transformation Team and Evolution.

The following financial saving has been identified against this proposal:

2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
£000	£000	£000	£000
£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000

**Introduction**

This template should be used with the Disability Equality Scheme 2006-2009. Completing this template without following the rest of the disability equality impact assessment process outlined in the Scheme does not comprise a disability equality impact assessment.

**Q.1 Is your service/policy/change accessible to all disabled people? Bear in mind any economic, social, environmental, physical, intellectual, cultural, linguistic, technological or other barriers.**

**This proposal relates to the maintenance and running of the Bowling Greens.**

Issue	Yes	No	If yes, what evidence do you have to demonstrate this?	If no, what do you plan to do to remove barriers to access?
Physical or mobility impairment	✓		<b>People have been accessing the facility without issue</b>	
Sensory impairment	✓		<b>People have been accessing the facility without issue</b>	
Learning disability or mental impairment	✓		<b>People have been accessing the facility without issue</b>	
Other disabilities and health conditions covered by the Equality Act 2010 (eg. diabetes, HIV, multiple sclerosis, depression and cancer)	✓		<b>People have been accessing the facility without issue</b>	
Any other disability issue (e.g. frail/vulnerable people, people with mild impairments who do not perceive	✓		<b>People have been accessing the facility without issue</b>	

themselves as disabled, people with multiple impairment)				
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**Q.2 (a) For whatever reason, does your service treat any group of disabled people differently from its other service users?**

Yes

No

**If you have answered 'yes', please specify those individuals or groups affected and whether the impact has the potential to be adverse.**

**(b) What needs to be done to prevent any potentially adverse impact?**

**Ensure that maintenance of bowling greens is transferred to the Darlington Parks Bowls Association. Should the proposal not transpire then only one green will be maintained in the Borough by DBC.**

**Q.3 (a) Do you promote disability equality within your service? (e.g. through departmental equalities group, innovative marketing or community engagement techniques)**

Yes  
No

✓

**If you have answered 'yes', please give examples of how equality is promoted.**

In addition to the Council commitment to promote equality of opportunity in all services and policies, this is a key function of the team Disability Equality is promoted in all areas of service delivery.

**(b) Do you promote positive attitudes towards disabled people? (e.g. through customer care training, cultural issues awareness training, the use of images of disabled people in your publicity material)**

Yes  
No

✓

**If you have answered 'yes', please give examples.**

All staff working within the section have Customer Care training. The Council as a whole promotes a positive attitude to disabled people in both the recruitment, employment and providing services to disabled members of the community.

Employees are made aware of disability issues including access to services, buildings and information. The Council is committed to ensuring that information available to the public is in an easy read format and accessible in various methods and in multiple locations

**Q.4 Are there any plans in place within your Service to promote disability equality more effectively?**

Yes

✓

No

**If yes, please outline what you intend to do (including details, if known, of timescales and areas to be covered, etc.)**