
Section 1: Your details

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Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

Future Council Chief Executive’s Budget Proposal:
Charging for Allotments, Bowling Greens and Football Pitches

Section 2b: Will this EIA be submitted to a Cabinet or Overview & Scrutiny Committee?

Yes
If ‘yes’ please state which meeting and what date
Cabinet, date to be confirmed.

Please add hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council’s website http://bit.ly/regenEIA
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<th>Section 3: Does the proposal have the potential to affect...... (please tick relevant boxes)</th>
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<td>✔ Services</td>
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<td>✔ The workforce</td>
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<td>✔ Communities</td>
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<td>✔ Other (please state eg: Partners, Private Sector, Voluntary &amp; Community Sector) Partners such as Bowling Clubs and Football Clubs who may take on management of sites.</td>
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<td>If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 4.</td>
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<td>☐ None (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to <a href="mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk">equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk</a> for publishing)</td>
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Could the proposal have a positive or negative impact on any of the protected groups (race, gender, disability, gender reassignment, age, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership)?

You may also want to consider socio-economic status of individuals.

Please list in the table below and include actions required to mitigate any potential negative impact.

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<th>Which group(s) of people could be affected</th>
<th>Potential positive or negative impact</th>
<th>Action required to mitigate any potential negative impact</th>
<th>Lead person</th>
<th>Timescale</th>
<th>Resource implications</th>
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<td>Young people/ Socio- economically disadvantaged people</td>
<td>Negative potential impact - increasing fees for football pitches may lead to a decrease in numbers of people participating in amateur football, with consequent adverse health and social inclusion impacts.</td>
<td>Ensure fees are set at a comparatively affordable level. Ensure facilities are of sufficient quality for users to perceive value for money and continue using them.</td>
<td>Parks and Countryside Head of Service</td>
<td>2015-16</td>
<td>Officer time, implementing and communicating fee changes.</td>
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<td>Older people/ Socio- economically disadvantaged people</td>
<td>Negative potential impact - increasing fees for bowling greens may lead to a decrease in numbers of people participating in bowls, with consequent adverse health and social inclusion impacts.</td>
<td>Ensure fees are set at a comparatively affordable level. Possibly transferring to self-management by bowls clubs may provide opportunities</td>
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<td>2015-16</td>
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<td>Older people/ Sociodemographically disadvantaged people</td>
<td>Negative potential impact - increasing reliance on volunteers (bowling clubs) to potentially administer self-management agreements could cause service disruption if volunteers were unable to meet their obligations.</td>
<td>Bowling clubs to ensure their committees are adequately resourced and undertake succession planning.</td>
<td>Parks and Countryside Head of Service</td>
<td>2015-16 Officer time, monitoring service standards/implementation of self-management agreements</td>
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<td>Older people/ Sociodemographically disadvantaged people</td>
<td>Negative potential impact - increasing fees for allotments may lead to decrease in numbers of people using allotments to grow healthy food, with consequent adverse health and social inclusion impacts.</td>
<td>Ensure fees are set at a comparatively affordable level. Ensure facilities are of sufficient quality for users to perceive value for money and continue using them.</td>
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Section 4a: Where and how will the above actions be monitored?

Parks users survey.

Section 4b: If you think there is no negative impact, what is your reasoning behind this?

N/A.

Section 5: What research / data / information have you used in support of this process?

Natural England - Health and Wellbeing Position Statement
Institute of Health Equity - Natural Solutions for Tackling Health Inequalities

Section 6: Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council proposal?

This is part of the Future Council consultation in Autumn 2014.

If ‘yes’ please continue to section 8.

Section 7: How will consultation take place and by when?

Future Council consultation in Autumn 2014

Before you complete your consultation, please email your preliminary EIA to equalitywatch@Wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer in order for the Council to ensure it is meeting it’s legal requirements. The EIA will be published with a note saying we are awaiting outcomes from a consultation exercise.

Once you have completed your consultation, please review your actions in section 5. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to equalitywatch@Wirral.gov.uk for re-publishing.

Section 8: Have you remembered to:

a) Add appropriate departmental hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published (section 2b)
b) Include any potential positive impacts as well as negative impacts? (section 5)

c) Send this EIA to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer?

d) Review section 5 once consultation has taken place and sent your completed EIA to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk via your Chief Officer for re-publishing?