Section 1: Your details

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Chief Officer: Mark Smith
Department: Parks and Countryside
Date: 25/07/14

Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

Wirral Parks and Open Space Strategy 2014-2024

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, 9th October 2014.

Please add hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council’s website (see your Departmental Equality Group Chair for appropriate hyperlink)

Regeneration & Environment (Environment & Regulation, Housing & Community Safety, Regeneration)
Section 3: Does the proposal have the potential to affect…… (please tick relevant boxes)

√ Services
√ The workforce
√ Communities
√ Other (please state eg: Partners, Private Sector, Voluntary & Community Sector)
Partners such as Parks Friends Groups, Environmental Groups, Community Action Wirral, NHS.

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 4.

☐ None (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)
### Section 4:

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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<tr>
<td>All nine protected groups</td>
<td>Positive potential impact - partnership working through delivery of the Green and Open Space Strategy could result in increased opportunities with healthcare partners, including DASS and the NHS, to increase services available to people with physical or mental health conditions.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Service Manager: M Worrall</td>
<td>2014-2024</td>
<td>Partnership working could help to increase external funding. This is subject to partner funding being sustained.</td>
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<td>All nine protected groups</td>
<td>Potential for positive and negative impacts - new performance standards will contribute to making parks as welcoming and safe places as possible, depending on what funding is</td>
<td>Ensure that the Service is adequately funded to deliver on standards.</td>
<td>Service Manager: M Worrall</td>
<td>2014-2024</td>
<td>Adequate funding of parks is required to</td>
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<td>All nine protected groups</td>
<td>Positive potential impact - user surveys will improve understanding of user needs and inform service delivery.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Service Manager: M Worrall</td>
<td>2014-2024</td>
<td>While much consultation can be achieved though the website some resources will be need for delivering consultation events, paper questionnaires and publicity material.</td>
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<td>Positive potential impact - addressing key issues raised by users e.g. dog control and fouling, provision of toilets and personal safety will help encourage use of parks and countryside by protected groups.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Service Manager: M Worrall</td>
<td>2014-2024</td>
<td>Adequate resourcing of parks is required to ensure that standards are maximised.</td>
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<td>All nine protected groups</td>
<td>Positive potential impact - review of communications and marketing will help communication channels be as inclusive as possible both in terms of methods and</td>
<td>Take account of the needs of ‘harder to reach’ groups in review of communication methods.</td>
<td>Service Manager: M Worrall</td>
<td>2014-2014</td>
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<td>Positive potential impact - addressing and mitigating climate change impacts through sustainable drainage and providing shading in hot weather will have health and wellbeing benefits.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Service Manager: M Worrall</td>
<td>2014-2014</td>
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<td>Positive potential impact - access to nature and wildlife can provide positive therapeutic and educational benefits.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Service Manager: M Worrall</td>
<td>2014-2014</td>
<td>Adequate resourcing of parks is required to ensure that standards are delivered.</td>
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<td>Socio-economically disadvantaged people</td>
<td>Positive potential impact - training and development will improve workforce and volunteer skills and employability.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Service Manager: M Worrall</td>
<td>2014-2014</td>
<td>This is subject to training budgets, both internal and partner being available.</td>
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<td>All nine protected groups</td>
<td>Positive or negative potential impact - consultation methods for the Strategy need to be inclusive in order to reach as wide range</td>
<td>Take account of the needs of 'harder to reach' groups in consultation methods.</td>
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required to ensure that standards are delivered.
Section 4a: Where and how will the above actions be monitored?
In reporting to the Parks and Countryside Partnership and Performance Board.

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 - Green Space Access Research Summary
Natural England - Health and Wellbeing Position Statement
Wirral Council Parks and Countryside User Survey 2012

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

There has been public consultation and key stakeholder consultation on the draft Wirral Parks and Open Space Strategy. Once the Strategy is adopted it is anticipated that there will be ongoing engagement with Friends groups and partners for implementation of policies.

If ‘yes’ please continue to section 8.
If ‘no’ please state your reason(s) why:

(please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk for publishing)

Section 7: How will consultation take place and by when?
Through meetings and correspondence with Friends Groups and partners.

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?