

Single Impact Assessment

Cardiff Council



1. Details of the Proposal

What is the proposal?

Title: SKATEPARK AMENITY STRATEGY

Is this a new proposal or are you amending an existing policy, strategy, project, procedure or service?

New

Existing

Directorate/Service Area:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PARKS, SPORT and HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Who is developing the proposal?

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The Single Impact Assessment (SIA) can be strengthened as time progresses, helping shape the proposal. Version control will provide a useful audit trail of how the SIA has developed. Draft versions of the assessment should be retained for completeness, however only the final version will be publicly available. Draft versions may be provided to regulators if appropriate.

Version	Author	Job Title	Date
1	Steve Morris	Operational Manager, Sport and Development	28/12/23

2. Overview of the Proposal

What action is the Council considering and why?

Please provide a detailed outline of the proposal. This information will support your findings in the impact assessments.

- Skateboarding is now in the Olympics and there has been a surge in participation across the UK since its inception at the Tokyo Olympic Games 2021.
- In general, our skate facilities are well used, in addition to the pop up skate areas in the city centre and Callaghan Square.
- Perceptions of skateboarders has changed from that of anti social behaviour to one of positive physical activity, sport and social interaction for young people. In general, young skateboarders are fit, healthy, energetic and confident.
- Skateboarding attracts young people who would not normally participate in mainstream sports.
- In order to meet current and future demands, we are seeking to improve facilities in targeted areas of the city and to grow participation amongst young people.
- The current skate facility stock is constructed of timber and steel and is easily damaged, vandalised and noisy. They are labour intensive and require a significant ongoing revenue strain to maintain them to a compliant standard.
- The strategy sets out to decommission these facilities and replace, over time, with concrete formed, low maintenance, low noise facilities that will reduce the revenue strain allowing redirection of maintenance budgets to our Playground assets.
- An example of this type of facility has been operating successfully on Cardiff Bay barrage as a destination facility attracting participants from across South Wales.
- We have consulted broadly with the skate community, youth groups and internal key services (Planning, Schools, Highways, Youth Service and Child Friendly City)
- The strategy will provide a framework for the introduction of new facilities, as follows:
 1. Olympic standard destination skatepark at the International Sports Village
 2. Four network hub destination skateparks

3. One new neighbourhood skatepark
4. Spot and Dot skate facilities in parks
5. Rain sheltered skate amenities for year-round participation.

- This strategy contributes to our own Physical Activity and Sport Strategic aims, the Health and Wellbeing of our Future Generation Act 2015, Child Friendly City and Corporate Plan objectives.

Supporting Info:

1. The current Council facilities across the city are located at the following parks:

1. Glider Field, Llanishen
2. Trelai Car Park, Caerau
3. Moundfield, Morganstown
4. Creigiau Recreation Ground, Creigiau
5. Waterhall Park, Fairwater
6. Parc Coed y Nant, Pentwyn
7. Cathcobb Park, St Mellons
8. Rumney Recreation Ground, Llanrumney
9. Splott Park, Splott
10. Canal Park, Butetown
11. The Marl, Grangetown

2. Strategy Vision and Mission:

- **Vision:**

Cardiff is home to a vibrant skate community that is well supported by a diverse range of skate amenities across the Council.

- **Mission:**

To support and grow the skateboarding community, foster a diverse user group, and create skate amenities that support a wide range of uses and skill levels.

3. Reason for Recommendations in the report:

- i. The strategy will contribute to the aims of the Cardiff Physical Activity and Sport strategy, the Health and Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Child Friendly City ambitions.
- ii. Adopting the strategy and achieving new facilities will reduce ongoing revenue pressures, provide safe places encouraging increased participation for young people.

What are the costs and/or savings?

What will the proposal cost and how will it be funded?

How might costs be reduced through involvement and collaboration, across Cardiff Council and/or with external stakeholders?

Are there savings and how will these be realised?

- In terms of financial support for the strategy, there is no immediate request as we will be utilising Section 106 funding, developer contributions to invest in these new facilities.
- Sport Wales and Skate Board Wales have intimated their support for facilities based on this strategic approach
- When Capital bids are supported, we will submit a proposal for investment in the larger “network hub” skateparks as match funding.

3. Impact Assessments

Which impact assessments do you need to complete to support your proposal?

The [Impact Assessment Screening Tool](#) provides advice tailored to your proposed policy, strategy or project regarding which impact assessments may be required and who to contact to find out more.

The screening tool is an online form with mainly multiple-choice questions which should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Once the answers have been submitted, an automated email will be sent to you with the recommended next steps and details of who to contact for expert advice.

Put Yes or No next to each of the impact assessments listed below to indicate which ones are being carried out.

Impact Assessment	Page	To be completed: Y/N
A. Equality Impact Assessment	4	Y
B. Child Rights Impact Assessment	10	N
C. Welsh Language Impact Assessment	11	N
D. Habitats Regulations Assessment	16	N
E. Strategic Environmental Assessment	17	N
F. Data Protection Impact Assessment	18	N
G. Health Impact Assessment	19	N

For further information on all the above impact assessments including who to contact for advice, please visit the [Policy Portal](#).

A: Equality Impact Assessment

Guidance in completing this assessment can be accessed [here](#). Please consult the Equality Team for any further assistance with completing this assessment EqualityTeam@cardiff.gov.uk

Under the Equality Act 2010, “differential impact” means that people of a particular protected characteristic (e.g. people of a particular age) will be significantly more affected by the change than other groups.

Impact on the Protected Characteristics

Age

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive]** on different age groups?

	Yes	No	N/A
Up to 18 years	x		
18 - 65 years	x		
Over 65 years	x		

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

The improvement of skate amenities will improve access to all age groups. The free and open access facilities will be available to all.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Disability

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive]** on disabled people?

	Yes	No	N/A
Hearing Impairment	x		
Learning Disability	x		
Long-Standing Illness or Health Condition	x		
Mental Health	x		
Neurodiversity	x		
Physical Impairment	x		
Substance Misuse	x		
Visual Impairment	x		
Other			

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

There is evidence identified in the strategy that wheeled sports have a positive benefit for all of the above. New facilities will be designed for disabled and wheelchair users.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Gender Reassignment

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive]** on transgender people?

	Yes	No	N/A
Transgender People (Transgender people are people whose gender identity or gender expression is different from the gender they were assigned at birth.)	X		

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

The provision of free, open access skate amenities can have a positive impact on participation amongst this protected characteristic.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on marriage and civil partnership?

	Yes	No	N/A
Marriage		X	
Civil Partnership		X	

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Pregnancy and Maternity

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on pregnancy and maternity?

	Yes	No	N/A
Pregnancy			x
Maternity			x

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Race

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive]** on the following groups?

	Yes	No	N/A
White	x		
Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups	x		
Asian / Asian British	x		
Black / African / Caribbean / Black British	x		
Other Ethnic Groups	x		

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

Free, open access skatepark amenities will enable participation from (BAME) communities to breakdown barriers to participation from different racial groups.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Religion, Belief or Non-Belief

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on people with different religions, beliefs or non-beliefs?

	Yes	No	N/A
Buddhist			x
Christian			x
Hindu			x
Humanist			x
Jewish			x
Muslim			x

Sikh			X
Other belief			X
No belief			X

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Sex

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive]** on male, female or non-binary persons?

	Yes	No	N/A
Male persons	X		
Female persons	X		
Non-binary persons	X		

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

Skate sports have a track record of participation and opportunity for both Male and Females.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Sexual Orientation

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive/negative]** on people with different sexual orientations?

	Yes	No	N/A
Bi		X	
Gay		X	
Lesbian		X	
Heterosexual		X	
Other		X	

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Socio-economic Duty

Is the change anticipated to reduce or contribute to inequality of outcome as a result of socio-economic disadvantage? (e.g. will the change negatively impact on those on low-incomes or those living in deprived areas?)

	Yes	No	N/A
Socio-economic impact	x		

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

Free and open access skate amenities will be particularly popular for young people from low socio economic groups. The equipment required is of relative low cost compared with other sports.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Welsh Language

Will this proposal have a **differential impact [positive]** on the Welsh language?

	Yes	No	N/A
Welsh language		x	

Please give details/consequences of the differential impact, and provide supporting evidence, if any.

What action(s) can you take to address the differential impact?

Consultation and Engagement

What arrangements have been made to consult/engage with equality/ community organisations, especially those who are representative of those you have identified as being likely to be affected?

Full consultation has been undertaken with Youth forums, skate park users, internal departments including Planning, Child Friendly City, Schools and Economic Development

Summary of Actions (Listed in the sections above)

	Actions
Age	There are no additional actions required
Disability	There are no additional actions required
Gender Reassignment	There are no additional actions required
Marriage & Civil Partnership	There are no additional actions required
Pregnancy & Maternity	There are no additional actions required
Race	There are no additional actions required
Religion/Belief	There are no additional actions required
Sex	There are no additional actions required
Sexual Orientation	There are no additional actions required
Socio-economic Impact	There are no additional actions required
Welsh Language	There are no additional actions required
Generic/ Over-Arching (applicable to all the above groups)	

Next Steps

Any recommendations for action that you plan to take as a result of this Equality Impact Assessment (listed in Summary of Actions) should be included as part of your Service Area's Business Plan to be monitored on a regular basis.

Where the Equality Impact Assessment shows negative impacts, you must append the form to the Cabinet or Officer Decision Report.

On completion of this Assessment, please ensure that the whole form is submitted to the Equality Team mailbox so that there is a record of all assessments undertaken in the Council EqualityTeam@cardiff.gov.uk