

Introductory Information

Budget/Project name

Public Health Funding for Parks and Countryside Service

Proposal type

Project

Decision Type

Policy Committee

Lead Cabinet Member

Cllr Richard Williams

Entered on Q Tier

Yes No

Year(s)

<input type="radio"/> 15/16	<input type="radio"/> 16/17	<input type="radio"/> 17/18	<input type="radio"/> 18/19	<input type="radio"/> 19/20	<input type="radio"/> 20/21	<input type="radio"/> 21/22	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 22/23
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EIA date

23/01/2023

EIA lead	Ed Sexton
EIA author	Stuart Turner
Lead officer	

Lead Corporate Plan priority

<input type="radio"/> An In-Touch Organisation	<input type="radio"/> Strong Economy	<input type="radio"/> Thriving Neighbourhoods and Communities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Better Health and Wellbeing	<input type="radio"/> Tackling Inequalities
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Portfolio, Service and Team

Cross-Portfolio

No

Portfolio

Operational Services

Is the EIA joint with another organisation (eg NHS)?

No

Brief aim(s) of the proposal and the outcome(s) you want to achieve

The decision required is to agree the modification of the Spending Principles for the Parks and Countryside Service’s Public Health funding and the approach for the 4-year investment programme that will support sustaining and improving the quality of Sheffield’s green and open spaces for the benefit the people of Sheffield.

Impact

Under the [Public Sector Equality Duty](#) we have to pay due regard to the need to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- advance equality of opportunity
- foster good relations

More information is available on the [Council website](#) including the [Community Knowledge Profiles](#).

Note the EIA should describe impact before any action/mitigation. If there are both negatives and positives, please outline these – positives will be part of any mitigation. The action plan should detail any mitigation.

Overview

Briefly describe how the proposal helps to meet the Public Sector Duty outlined above

The proposal will help advance equality of opportunity by providing funding for the provision of quality outdoor recreational space and facilities for the people of Sheffield.

Impacts

Proposal has an impact on

Health	Transgender
Age	Carers
Disability	Voluntary/Community & Faith Sectors
Pregnancy/Maternity	Cohesion
Race	Partners
Religion/Belief	Poverty & Financial Inclusion
Sex	Armed Forces
Sexual Orientation	Other

Give details in sections below.

Health

Does the Proposal have a significant impact on health and well-being (including effects on the wider determinants of health)?

Yes *if Yes, complete section below*

Staff

No

Customers

Yes

Impact

Positive Neutral Negative

Level

None Low Medium High

Details of impact

The 4-year investment programme will support green space improvement projects that enhance the provision of outdoor recreational spaces close to where people live. The focus of the public health funding is on the 30% most deprived wards in Sheffield, with high health inequalities. Improvements in the quality and accessibility of local green spaces within these communities provides increased

opportunity for people to engage in free physical activity to support their health and wellbeing.

Disability

Staff

No

Customers

Yes

Impact

Positive Neutral Negative

Level

None Low Medium High

Details of impact

Green spaces improvement projects will be designed to support continued and improved accessibility – this can include improvements to playgrounds that increase inclusion through the choice of equipment and surfacing and through design. Projects to improve the provision of toilet and café facilities in green and open spaces provides a further example of interventions that provide facilities that enable people with a variety of needs to access and enjoy green and open spaces. Consultation will form part of project planning to ensure the priorities and needs of communities and key stakeholders are considered from the outset, and evaluation methods (such as inclusivity audits) will be used to ensure a robust approach to project planning and implementation.

Age

Staff

No

Customers

Yes No

Impact

Positive Neutral Negative

Level

None Low Medium High

Details of impact

Our goal in Parks and Countryside is to provide green and open spaces for people of all ages and abilities to use and enjoy. The projects funded through the Public Health funding will aim to sustain and enhance outdoor recreational provision with this goal in mind. As mentioned above – developing facilities in parks such as toilets and refreshments outlets, can substantially increase some peoples' confidence to visit outdoor spaces. Consultation will form part of project planning to ensure the priorities and needs of communities and key stakeholders are considered at the outset. Play and gym equipment encourage people of all ages to move more and infrastructure such as path improvements and toilets are particularly helpful to supporting older people to be able to access sites.

Cohesion

Staff

No

Customers

Yes

Impact

Positive Neutral Negative

Level

None Low Medium High

Details of impact

Parks and Countryside sites across Sheffield provide neutral community spaces for communities to use and enjoy. The recreational facilities and green space features provide a focus for people to engage in activities, events and 'interest groups' that all help improve community cohesion. Public Health funded green spaces projects will support this goal by enhancing outdoor green space quality and recreational provision. Consultation will form part of project planning to ensure the priorities and needs of communities and key stakeholders are considered at the outset.

Poverty & Social Inclusion

Staff

No

Customers

Yes

Impact

Positive Neutral Negative

Level

None Low Medium High

Details of impact

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Cumulative Impact

Proposal has a cumulative impact

Yes

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Year on Year	<input type="radio"/> Across a Community of Identity/Interest
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Geographical Area	<input type="radio"/> Other

If yes, details of impact

Our goal within the Parks and Countryside Service is for all recreational outdoor spaces to attain the Sheffield Standard (quality mark for Sheffield's green spaces). The public health funding will support a year-on-year increase in the number of sites that attain this quality standard. The recreational facilities improved or created will enhance the number of people visiting their local green spaces and engaging in physical activity that supports improved health and wellbeing outcomes.

Proposal has geographical impact across Sheffield

Yes

If Yes, details of geographical impact across Sheffield

The improvement projects will target the 30% most deprived wards in Sheffield and the team facilitating green space improvement projects deliver green space improvement projects across all of Sheffield's Green and Open Spaces.

Local Partnership Area(s) impacted

All Specific

If Specific, name of Local Partnership Area(s) impacted

The local partnership areas that public health funded improvements will be targeted include the South East, East, Central and North East, however the team facilitating green space improvement projects deliver green space improvement projects across all of Sheffield's Green and Open Spaces.

Action Plan and Supporting Evidence

Action Plan

Each year of the 4-year public health funding a committee paper will produced setting out the specific proposals for the use of the available funding. The green space public health spending principles have been modified with the key changes including:

- Green & Open Spaces within the 30% most deprived wards (based on 2019 IMD data)
- Tackling site quality issues (ensuring sites attain and sustain Sheffield 'quality' Standard)
- Contribution to strategic projects, including to support inward investment
- Links with wider initiatives (including Move More Strategy, Active and Better Parks)

Supporting Evidence (Please detail all your evidence used to support the EIA)

Parks and Countryside Public Health Funding committee report Jan23.
Public Health Spending Principles 2023-27

Consultation

Consultation required

Yes

If consultation is not required please state why

Consultation will form part of project planning to ensure the priorities and needs of communities and key stakeholders are considered at the outset of any green space improvement.

Are Staff who may be affected by these proposals aware of them

Yes

Are Customers who may be affected by these proposals aware of them

No

If you have said no to either please say why

Residents (park customers) will be made aware of changes proposed to local parks through consultation and/or communication channels as changes are planned and put in place. There is no formal requirement to consult with staff but internal communication channels will be used.

Summary of overall impact

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Overall this proposal will enable the continuation of the Parks and Countryside Service's Public Health funding for a 4-year investment programme that will support sustaining and improving the quality of Sheffield's green and open spaces to benefit the health and wellbeing of Sheffield's communities.

Escalation plan

Is there a high impact in any area?

No

Overall risk rating after any mitigations have been put in place

Low

Sign Off

EIAs must be agreed and signed off by the equality lead in your Portfolio or corporately. Has this been signed off?

Yes

Date agreed 24/01/2023

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