


EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ACCEPTANCE OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY INVESTMENT FUNDING (CEIF) FOR DELIVERY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR YOUTH CENTRES.

SECTION ONE: INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

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Lead Officer: Head of Service, Service Director, or Strategic Director.	Dave Ryland	Signature:		Approval date:	23/07/24
Overview:	<p>Youth and community centres are crucial as they provide a safe space for young people to engage in positive activities, develop skills, and build relationships. Centres offer opportunities for education, recreation, and mentorship and promote healthy development among the youth in the community. Similarly, community centres serve as vital gathering places for residents to access resources, participate in programs, and build a sense of community and belonging. By investing in centres, communities can support the well-being and growth of their youth and enhance the overall quality of life for all residents.</p> <p>Efford and Honicknowle Youth and Community Centres are part of the cooperate estate and are two of three sites which have recently been awarded £3m (£2.4m Youth Investment Fund and a further £600,000 from capital funds for legacy maintenance works including two new roofs at the sites). Work proposed at the locations will completely revamp the buildings and deliver significantly more services to young people and communities than ever before.</p> <p>In order to spend money wisely, maximise the space and work towards mitigating climate change, a further £1,000,000 has been applied for and awarded under Emergency Climate Investment Fund.</p> <p>Funding will be utilised to install solar and insulate the roofs and walls at the two sites. Solar arrays will reduce grid import with zero carbon on-site generation, and insulating the walls, under the new cladding, and the new roofs, will make both sites extremely energy efficient and environmentally sustainable.</p>				
Decision required:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the Business Case; 2. To accept £1,000,000 from the Climate Emergency Investment Fund; 3. To approve the addition of £1,000,000 of CEIF funding into the Capital Programme; 4. To delegate to the Service Director (Community Connections) to allocate spend and award contracts for this project where they would otherwise not have authority to do so. 				

SECTION TWO: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL

Potential external impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact service users, communities or residents with protected characteristics?	Yes		No	X
Potential internal impacts: Does the proposal have the potential to negatively impact Plymouth City Council employees?	Yes		No	X
Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (if you have answered yes to either of the questions above then a full impact assessment is required and you must complete section three)	Yes		No	X
If you do not agree that a full equality impact assessment is required, please set out your justification for why not.	This EIA accompanies the EIA produced for the decision: L10 23/24 Youth Investment Fund - Acceptance of grant funding for delivery of improvements to our Youth Centres. There are no adverse impacts anticipated as a result of this decision.			

SECTION THREE: FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Protected characteristics (Equality Act, 2010)	Evidence and information (e.g. data and consultation feedback)	Adverse impact	Mitigation activities	Timescale and responsible department
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<p>Age</p>	<p>Plymouth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16.4 per cent of people in Plymouth are children aged under 15. • 65.1 per cent are adults aged 15 to 64. • 18.5 percent are adults aged 65 and over. • 2.4 percent of the resident population are 85 and over. <p>South West</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.9 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14, 61.8 per cent are aged 15 to 64. • 22.3 per cent are aged 65 and over. <p>England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17.4 per cent of people are aged 0 to 14. • 64.2 per cent of people are aged 15 to 64. • 18.4 per cent of people are aged 65 and over. <p>(2021 Census)</p>	<p>No adverse impacts anticipated</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
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<p>Care experienced individuals</p> <p>(Note that as per the Independent Review of Children's Social Care recommendations, Plymouth City Council is treating care experience as though it is a protected characteristic).</p>	<p>It is estimated that 26 per cent of the homeless population in the UK have care experience. In Plymouth there are currently 7 per cent of care leavers open to the service (6 per cent aged 18-20 and 12 per cent of those aged 21+) who are in unsuitable accommodation.</p> <p>The Care Review reported that 41 per cent of 19-21 year old care leavers are not in education, employment or training (NEET) compared to 12 per cent of all other young people in the same age group.</p> <p>In Plymouth there are currently 50 per cent of care leavers aged 18-21 Not in Education Training or Employment (54 per cent of all those care leavers aged 18-24 who are open to the service).</p> <p>There are currently 195 care leavers aged 18 to 20 (statutory service) and 58 aged 21 to 24 (extended offer). There are more care leavers aged 21 to 24 who could return for support from services if they wished to.</p>	No adverse impacts anticipated	Not applicable	Not applicable
<p>Disability</p>	<p>9.4 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a lot' because of a physical or mental health problem.</p> <p>12.2 per cent of residents in Plymouth have their activities limited 'a little' because of a physical or mental health problem (2021 Census)</p>	No adverse impacts anticipated	Not applicable	Not applicable

Gender reassignment	0.5 per cent of residents in Plymouth have a gender identity that is different from their sex registered at birth. 0.1 per cent of residents identify as a trans man, 0.1 per cent identify as non-binary and, 0.1 per cent identify as a trans women (2021 Census).	No adverse impacts anticipated	Not applicable	Not applicable
Marriage and civil partnership	40.1 per cent of residents have never married and never registered a civil partnership. 10 per cent are divorced, 6 percent are widowed, with 2.5 per cent are separated but still married. 0.49 per cent of residents are, or were, married or in a civil partnerships of the same sex. 0.06 per cent of residents are in a civil partnerships with the opposite sex (2021 Census).	No adverse impacts anticipated	Not applicable	Not applicable
Pregnancy and maternity	The total fertility rate (TFR) for England was 1.62 children per woman in 2021. The total fertility rate (TFR) for Plymouth in 2021 was 1.5.	No adverse impacts anticipated	Not applicable	Not applicable

Race	<p>In 2021, 94.9 per cent of Plymouth's population identified their ethnicity as White, 2.3 per cent as Asian and 1.1 per cent as Black (2021 Census)</p> <p>People with a mixed ethnic background comprised 1.8 per cent of the population. 1 per cent of the population use a different term to describe their ethnicity (2021 Census)</p> <p>92.7 per cent of residents speak English as their main language. 2021 Census data shows that after English, Polish, Romanian, Chinese, Portuguese, and Arabic are the most spoken languages in Plymouth (2021 Census).</p>	No adverse impacts anticipated	Not applicable	Not applicable
Religion or belief	<p>48.9 per cent of the Plymouth population stated they had no religion. 42.5 per cent of the population identified as Christian (2021 Census).</p> <p>Those who identified as Muslim account for 1.3 per cent of Plymouth's population while Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish or Sikh combined totalled less than 1 per cent (2021 Census).</p>	No adverse impacts anticipated	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sex	51 per cent of our population are women and 49 per cent are men (2021 Census).	No adverse impacts anticipated	Not applicable	Not applicable
Sexual orientation	88.95 per cent of residents aged 16 years and over in Plymouth describe their sexual orientation as straight or heterosexual. 2.06 per cent describe their sexuality as bisexual, 1.97 per cent of people describe their sexual orientation as gay or lesbian. 0.42 per cent of residents describe their sexual orientation using a different term (2021 Census).	No adverse impacts anticipated	Not applicable	Not applicable

SECTION FOUR: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

Human Rights	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
	<p>Plymouth City Council recognises Article 14 of the Human Rights Act – The right to receive Equal Treatment and prohibits discrimination including sex, race, religion and economic and social status in conjunction with the Equalities Act which includes age and disability.</p> <p>All staff and service users will be treated fairly and their human rights will be respected.</p> <p>No adverse impact on human rights has been identified.</p>	Not applicable	Not applicable

SECTION FIVE: OUR EQUALITY OBJECTIVES

Equality objectives	Implications	Mitigation Actions	Timescale and responsible department
<p>Work together in partnership to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ promote equality, diversity and inclusion ▪ facilitate community cohesion ▪ support people with different backgrounds and lived experiences to get on well together 	<p>Investment in the Youth Centres will provide a quality public space for users, which will facilitate equality, diversity, inclusion and cohesion.</p>	Not applicable	Not applicable
<p>Give specific consideration to care experienced people to improve their life outcomes, including access to training, employment and housing.</p>	<p>Investment in the Youth Centres will provide a quality public space for all users, which will facilitate access to training and improved life outcomes.</p>	Not applicable	Not applicable

Build and develop a diverse workforce that represents the community and citizens it serves.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Support diverse communities to feel confident to report crime and anti-social behaviour, including hate crime and hate incidents, and work with partners to ensure Plymouth is a city where everybody feels safe and welcome.	Investment in the Youth Centres will provide a quality public space for users, which will facilitate cohesion and create a safe, welcoming space.	Not applicable	Not applicable