

Equality Impact Assessment – Summary Report

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Policy, Strategy, Service or Plan that was Impact Assessed: Partnership funding to independent outdoor centres. The proposal is to reduce funding equitably at 8% compared to last years funding levels, to meet HCC savings targets on all budgets	
Summary of findings: The reduction in funding will cause some degree of difficulty in general for all centres, but will not have any specific significant negative impact upon groups identified in an EIA. There may be some minor changes consequent upon decision making taking place in schools, and the views of teachers. However, centres have the ability to manage their own business plans to set appropriate fees. At present most of these centres have fees far lower than the commercial or LA averages, and thus it is suggested that small increases will still sees them costing below (or near) to the current averages, and thus impact will be minimal. Only one centre operates with a specifically targeted group (YP with disabilities), but funding from HCC is a small element in their total income (charges and other grants	
Summary of Recommendations: The policy recommended will have minimal impact upon the centres involved, and thus stands	

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