

## Appendix H: Equality Impact Assessment

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### 1. Background Information

<b>Title of policy/strategy/plan:</b>	SEND and AP Capital Strategy
<b>Service area:</b>	Operations
<b>Directorate:</b>	Children's Services

#### Provide a brief explanation of the proposal:

- What are its intended outcomes?
- Who will deliver it?
- Is it a new proposal or a change to an existing one?

The proposed capital strategy for Special Educational Needs (SEND) and Alternative Provision (AP) will direct grant funded capital spending to new and improved provision for children with SEND/AP needs. The proposals are set out in the main report. The new provision will be delivered by the Royal Borough, and follows public consultation on the proposals.

### 2. Relevance Check

#### Is this proposal likely to directly impact people, communities or RBWM employees?

- If No, please explain why not, including how you've considered equality issues.
- Will this proposal need a EQIA at a later stage (for example, for a forthcoming action plan)?

Yes.

If 'No', proceed to 'Sign off'. If unsure, please contact [equality@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:equality@rbwm.gov.uk)

### 3. Evidence Gathering and Stakeholder Engagement

<p><b>Who will be affected by this proposal?</b> For example, users of a particular service, residents of a geographical area, staff.</p>
<p>Children and young people with special educational needs and alternative provision needs will benefit from the new provision. The capital funding can only be spent on provision to benefit these children and young people.</p>
<p><b>Among those affected by the proposal, are protected characteristics (age, sex, disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, marriage/civil partnership) disproportionately represented?</b> For example, compared to the general population do a higher proportion have disabilities?</p>
<p>The main beneficiaries of the proposed new provision will have the 'disability' protected characteristic, as children and young people with SEND.</p>
<p><b>What engagement/consultation has been undertaken or planned?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How has/will equality considerations be taken into account?</li> <li>• Where known, what were the outcomes of this engagement?</li> </ul>
<p>The consultation process and outcomes are set out in the main report.</p>
<p><b>What sources of data and evidence have been used in this assessment?</b> Please consult the Equalities Evidence Grid for relevant data. Examples of other possible sources of information are in the Guidance document.</p>
<p>N/A</p>

### 4. Equality Analysis

Please detail, **using supporting evidence**:

- How the protected characteristics below might influence the needs and experiences of individuals, in relation to this proposal.
- How these characteristics might affect the impact of this proposal.

Tick positive/negative impact as appropriate. If there is no impact, or a neutral impact, state 'Not Applicable'

More information on each protected characteristic is provided in the Guidance document.

	Details and supporting evidence	Potential positive impact	Potential negative impact
Age	The new provision will benefit children and young people of school age.	Yes	

Disability	The new provision will benefit children and young people with special educational needs	Yes	
Sex			No
Race, ethnicity and religion			No
Sexual orientation and gender reassignment			No
Pregnancy and maternity			No
Marriage and civil partnership			No
Armed forces community			No
Socio-economic considerations e.g. low income, poverty			No
Children in care/Care leavers			No

## 5. Impact Assessment and Monitoring

If you have not identified any disproportionate impacts and the questions below are not applicable, leave them blank and proceed to Sign Off.

**What measures have been taken to ensure that groups with protected characteristics are able to benefit from this change, or are not disadvantaged by it?**

For example, adjustments needed to accommodate the needs of a particular group

N/A

**Where a potential negative impact cannot be avoided, what measures have been put in place to mitigate or minimise this?**

For planned future actions, provide the name of the responsible individual and the target date for implementation.

N/A

**How will the equality impacts identified here be monitored and reviewed in the future?**

See guidance document for examples of appropriate stages to review an EQIA.

N/A

## 6. Sign Off

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If this version of the EQIA has been reviewed and/or updated:

<b>Reviewed by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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