Initial Equality Impact Assessments – Education and Skills Alternative Delivery Model

PART A: Residents and Service Users Equality Impact Assessment

1. Details of function, policy,	procedure or service:								
Title of what is being assessed: Strategic Outline Case – Education and Skills ADM Project									
Is it a new or revised function, policy, procedure or service?									
The project is concerned with identifying and implementing an alternative delivery model for the Education and Skills Delivery Unit to:									
 Respond to the significant s 	savings pressures								
 Maintain the strength of the 	relationship with schools								
Maintain or improve the exception	cellent education offer in Barnet								
Department and Section: Education	on and Skills								
Date assessment completed: 16 J	une 2014. Reviewed and updated August 2014.								
2. Names and roles of officers	s completing this assessment:								
Lead officer	Val White, Lead Commissioner								
Other groups									

equality st	rand, and an	equality strands affected? Please detail the effects of y mitigating action you have taken / required. Please in not have relevant data please explain why / plans to ca	clude any
Equality Strand	Affected?	Explain how affected	What action has been taken / or is planned to mitigate impact?
1. Age	Yes ⊠	Data for children and young people shows:	
-	No 🗌	Age group 5 -10 years 28,881	
		Age group 11- 16 years 25,416	
		There are more primary school aged children in Barnet than secondary school age children	
		The total 5 – 16 year old children and young people both male and female is 54,297.	
		Source GLA 2013 Round Demographic Projections, 2014	
2. Disability	Yes 🖂	Data for children and young people shows:	
,	No 🗌	Disability:	

- •The national averages indicate that in Barnet the 5 to 9 and 10 to 14 age cohorts have the highest number of disabled children, followed by the 15 to 19 age cohort. Whilst the 0 to 4 age cohort has the least number of disabled children.
- •This corresponds with Barnet's Disabled Children's Register where 32% are aged 5-9, 29% are aged 10-14, 27% are aged 15-19 and only 12% are aged 4 and under.
- •There are approximately three times more males than females on Barnet Disabled Children's Register.
- •The most frequently occurring needs on the Disabled Children's Register are speech, language and communication needs affecting 33% of all registered children. The other most frequently occurring disabilities are autistic spectrum disorders (affecting 23%), moderate learning difficulties (affecting 18%) and severe learning difficulties (affecting 17%).

Source: Source: GLA 2012 Round Demographic Projections

SEN:

In the School Census completed in January 2013 a total of 52,824 pupils were on Barnet's school rolls. Of these, 11,471 children were classed as have Special Educational Needs (SEN). This represents approximately 22% of the total school roll population. Disabled pupils are most likely classified as SEN within schools (Special Educational Needs and Disability).

- •There are more boys than girls with SEN across all age cohorts and SEN type. Overall, 61% of children with SEN are male.
- •There are more children aged 5-9 and 10-14 with SEN in comparison to the younger and older age cohorts. Of all children with SEN on the schools roll, 39% are aged 5-9 and 40% are aged 10-14.
- •Girls are less likely to have statements of SEN and more likely to receive School Action support. Of the 4,499 girls with SEN, 9% are statemented and 63% receive School Action support. In comparison, 15% of boys with SEN are statemented and 54% receive School Action support.
- •Children with statements of SEN attending out of borough schools tend to be in the older age cohorts -45% are aged 15-19 and 37% are aged 10-14.

		•Within Barnet, the highest numbers of children on	
		the school rolls with SEN are concentrated within the Burnt Oak, Colindale and Underhill wards	
		Source: Schools Census, February 2013	
		The Children and Families Act 2014 introduces a new requirement for councils to develop a coordinated assessment process to develop Education, Health and Care plans for eligible children with special educational needs aged 0-25. Current arrangements to assess and deliver services to support eligible children require cooperation across social care, local authority education services, schools, health and other organisations. Developing an alternative delivery model for education services including SEN services may add to this complexity. However, the current arrangements are managed through agreed processes and decision making arrangements between organisations and services these will continue to apply.	
3. Gender	Yes 🖂	Data for children and young people shows:	
3. Gender	No 🗍	, , ,	
		Female:	
		•Age group 5 -10 years 14,013	
		•Age group 11- 16 years 12,315	
		Male:	
		•Age group 5 -10 years 14,868	
		•Age group 11- 16 years 13,101	
		Source GLA 2013 Round Demographic Projections, 2014	
4. Religion	Yes ⊠ No □	Christianity is the most common religion in Barnet at 38.7%, although this is proportionately lower than London at 51%. The second highest group are those who have no religion at 21.3% which is comparatively less than London and England. Barnet has the largest Jewish population in London (16.6% compared to 2.1% in London).	
		The proportion of Barnet's secondary school religious affiliation is broken down:	

	Religious Affiliation - Secondar	ry Schools
	None	69.6%
	Jewish	8.7%
	Church of England	4.3%
	Catholic	17.4%
	The proportion of Barnet's primary saffiliation is broken down: Religious Affiliation - Primary	
	None Jewish	57.6% 14.1%
	Church of England	16.3%
	Catholic	12.0%
	Source Profile of children and yo Barnet April 2014.	
5. Sexual orientation Yes ☐ / No ⊠	Data is unavailable at this point. The characteristic will be taken into account stage if data becomes available.	
6. Gender reassignm ent Yes ☐ / No ☒	Data is unavailable at this point. The characteristic will be taken into account stage if data becomes available.	•
7. Marital Yes / No /	This protected characteristic will be account at a later stage when parer are being considered.	
8. Other key groups? Yes \(/ \) No \(\)		

1. What measures and methods could be designed to monitor the impact of the new policy or service, the achievement of intended outcomes and the identification of any unintended or adverse impact? Include how frequently monitoring could be conducted and who will be made aware of the analysis and outcomes

This Equalities Impact Assessment has been reviewed and updated for this stage. The completion of a more detailed Equalities Impact Assessment will be a fundamental component of the project's decision-making through future phases in accordance with the LBB Policy and processes.

Equalities should form a key component of any specifications for the alternative delivery model to ensure that those with protected characteristics are protected through the process and this should form a component of any evaluation process.

Initial Assessment

2. Overall impact							
Positive Impact		e Impact or lot Known ¹		No Impact			
3. Scale of Impact							
Positive impact:	_	e Impact or Not Known					
Minimal ⊠ Significant □	Minima Signific						
4. Outcome							
No change to decision	Adjustment needed to decision	Continue w decision (despite adv impact / mis opportunit	erse ssed	If significant negative impact - Stop / rethink			
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5. Please give a full decided	explanation for how t	he initial assess	ment ar	nd outcome was			
In seeking to identify and Delivery Unit the Counce outcomes and performate At this stage of the project therefore it is not possible completed until the mobjectives of the project performance of services. Needs would have a possible representation in the councer of the project performance of services. There is anticipated to be being no anticipated recommendanism of service of access/receive services.	cil is seeking to reduce to ance of the services. ect (early Assessment pole to fully assess the innew model is known). Got any impact is anticipates, which given the natural esitive impact on those value of the natural esitive impact on those value of the natural esitive impact on those value of the natural esitive impact of the natural esite impact of the natural e	che cost of deliverable cost of deliverable cost of deliverable cost of deliverable cost (in line with liven what is knowned to be positive of these services with Disabilities (as any anticipated fundis anticipated that	elivery Melivery Melivery Melive to the such a melius to the such a melius to the samenta to all thos	fodel is not known and processes this cannot moment and the le desire to improve the as Special Educational to the over			

¹ 'Impact Not Known' – tick this box if there is no up-to-date data or information to show the effects or outcomes of the function, policy, procedure or service on all of the equality strands.

Post decision by CELS committee in September 2014, further analysis and development of the potential models will take place. It will be at this stage that a full Equalities Impact Assessment for residents and service users will be produced.

PART B: Employees Equality Impact Assessment

Project: Education and Skills Alternative Delivery Model [This document remains live with information being added at each critical milestone]

Project Owner:	Schools, Skills and Learning Lead Commissioner
Date process started:	9 December 2013
Date process ended:	TBC
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This EIA is being undertaken because it is:	☐ outlined within the equality scheme relevance assessment table ☐ part of a project proposal submission to the programme management board ☐ a result of organisation change ☐ other – please specify:

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1. Introduction

1.1 It is recognised that a significant transformation of services is likely to have an impact upon staff. This impact will be monitored through the completion of an Employee Equalities Impact Assessment; this is a "live" document and will be updated at key milestones throughout the lifespan of the project.

As part of the public sector Equality Duty, section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Authority is required to give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between different people when carrying out activities.

This EIA will be used to understand the impacts on groups of staff over the period of the Education & Skills project as well as being used as a baseline for any future decision making.

1.2 Aims and objectives of the Education and Skills Alternative Delivery Model

A project has been commissioned to assess the best way of delivering Education and Skills services in the future. This must take into account significant savings pressures, maintain the strength of our relationship with schools and maintain or improve the excellent education offer in Barnet.

In order to fully explore available options the project has examined ways in which Schools can take control or ownership of part or all of the system and should also consider any benefits of a private sector partner.

The project objectives, through the concept phase are:

- To deliver a thorough review of existing service provision (i.e. the baseline), including appraisal of functions, outputs and outcomes, financial position, staffing structures and contextual factors in order to fully assess challenges and opportunities for future delivery of the service.
- To identify and define an innovative range of potential delivery models in order to support a thorough appraisal of options.
- To develop a robust set of options appraisal criteria which can be used to identify the future delivery model(s) which most effectively meets Council and other stakeholder requirements.
- To deliver an initial appraisal of alternative delivery models compared to the status quo (in house option) in order to make recommendations about the future delivery model(s) which most effectively meets requirements.
- To develop a Strategic Outline Case (SOC) which clearly presents the context for the project, initial options appraisal and initial engagements. The SOC should include the plan for the Assessment phase and initial Equality Impact Assessment.

The project objectives through the assessment phase are:

- To fully assess potential delivery models against robust criteria, incorporating feedback from consultation in order to identify a recommended model.
- To develop any procurement documentation required to deliver the recommended model.

- To deliver an Outline Business Case (OBC) which provides detailed analysis and appraisal of potential models, including recommendations.
- To deliver a final Outline Business Case (OBC) providing detailed analysis and an appraisal of the preferred option.
- To develop the recommended model to Full Business Case (FBC) including complete financial case and implementation plan.

The services in the project scope are:

School improvement

- Statutory LA duties to monitor, support and challenge schools
- Narrow the gap service (DSG funded)

Special educational needs (subject to changes being implemented by the Children and Families Act 2014 from 1st September 2014)

- SEN placements & performance team
- SEN Early Support Programme
- Speech & Language therapy
- SEN Transport commissioning and assessment
- Educational psychology team (part traded)
- SEN placements (DSG funded)
- SEN specialist support service

Admissions and sufficiency of school places

- Pupil place planning
- Admissions Service (DSG funded)

Vulnerable pupils

• Education welfare service

Post 16 learning

- 14 19 service to ensure sufficiency and breadth of supply
- Monitoring, tracking and supporting participation

Traded services within Education and Skills

- Catering service
- Governor clerking service
- School improvement traded service
- Newly Qualified Teachers
- Educational psychology (part)
- Education Welfare Service (part)

The following options have been considered and evaluated in the Outline Business Case:

Model A: In-house Model B: Outsource

Model C: Local Authority Trading Company (LATC)

Model D: Schools-led social enterprise

Model E: Joint venture with schools having a commissioning role Model F: Joint venture with schools having an ownership role

The project team are recommending to CELS Committee in September 2014 that the three partnership options (social enterprise, joint venture with schools taking an ownership role and joint venture with schools taking a commissioning role) could potentially meet the project objectives and have attracted a reasonable degree of support from schools. Further work is required and the three

models considered with a final Outline Business Case confirming the preferred option be put before members in January 2015.

1.2 Description of the critical milestones

Cey milestones	Planned date
Approval of draft Outline Business Case (CELS committee)	15 th Sep 2014
Commence second stage consultation with schools	16 th Sep 2014
Commence public consultation	22 nd Sep 2014
Commence soft market testing	22 nd Sep 2014
Commence engagement and consultation with TUs	22 nd Sep 2014
Complete financial assessment	Sep to Nov 2014
Develop outline business plan for each model	Sep to Dec 2014
Develop detailed implementation and resource plans	Sep to Dec 2014
Agreement to implement a revised delivery model (P&R committee)	2 nd Dec 2014
Approval of final Outline Business Case (CELS committee)	12 th Jan 2015
Commence process to establish new model	19 th Jan 2015
Approval of Final Business Case	31 st Jul 2015
Commence formal TUPE consultation	31 st Jul 2015
Implementation	26 th Oct 2015

1.3 Key Stakeholders

Key Stakeholders:

Members of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee

Lead Commissioner for Schools, Skills and Learning (Sponsor)

Director for Education and Skills (Senior Supplier)

Education and Skills Management team

Strategic Commissioning Board

BPSI Steering Group (Heads)

Headteachers/schools

Education and Skills Staff

Trade Unions

Residents/Parents

The project has developed a draft communication and engagement plan containing the detail of when stakeholders will be communicated with and in what capacity with the current known facts.

Staff and Trade Unions will be communicated with in two formats, through the majority of the project this will take the form of information sharing, briefings, updates, questions and answer sessions and follow up documentation.

Once the delivery model is decided upon the appropriate legislation will be followed which will include consultation under the councils collective agreement with the trade unions and supporting staff briefings.

2. Any Anticipated Equalities Issues at each milestone and identified mitigation

2.1 For the current stage of project scoping and democratic process, no staff will be affected and there is no known detriment to any group.

A full EIA will be produced post OBC stage. Staff will be consulted as part of the process and equality issues/risks will be considered as part of this. As the proposals develop any impact will become clear and mitigating actions will be put in place.

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3. Monitoring Summary

3.1 Table 1- Employee EIA Profile of the Project

(This profile is in accordance with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and the Council will collect this information so far as we hold it)

All numbers replaced by an 'X' have been aggregated to protect personal identification

Critical Milestones

		Total Data	Total LBB Data		1 -		Name Milesto ne 2 E&S Data		Name Milestone 3 E&S Data		Name Mileston e 4 E&S Data	
		ON	% of LBB	No.	% of service	No.	% change	No.	% change	o N	% change	
Number of employees		20	2010		336							
	Female	1320	65.7	311	93.0							
Gender	Male	687	34.2	25	7.0							
	Unknown	3	0.2									
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	1993-1986	200	10.0	14	0.4							
Date of	1985-1976	435	21.6	44	13.0							
Birth	1975-1966	535	26.6 36.7	87 174	25.8							
(age)	1965-1951 1950-1941	738 96	5.0	174	51.7 5.0							
	1940 and earlier	4	0.2	0	0							
	Unknown	2	0.2	0	+							
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Group	White British Irish	861 56	42.8 2.8	178	52.9							

	Other White	205	10.2					
	Mixed White and Black Caribbean White and Black African White and Asian Other Mixed	103 0 16 0	5.1 0 0.8 0	X	X			
	Asian and Asian British Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi Other Asian	106 14 16 22	5.3 0.7 0.8 1.1	31	9.2			
	Black or Black British Caribbean African Other Black	0 185 24	0 9.2 1.2	73	21.7			
	Chinese or Other Ethnic Group Chinese Other Ethnic Group	13 39	0.7	х	Х			
	Physical co- ordination (such as manual dexterity, muscular control, cerebral palsy)	0	0					
	Hearing (such as: deaf, partially deaf or hard of hearing)	5	0.3					
	Vision (such as blind or fractional/partial sight. Does not include people whose visual problems can be corrected by glasses/contact lenses)	2	0.1					
Disability	Speech (such as impairments that can cause communication problems)	0	0					
	Reduced physical capacity (such as inability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, debilitating pain and lack of strength, breath, energy or stamina, asthma, angina or diabetes)	7	0.4	х	x			
	Severe disfigurement	3	0.2	Х	\ \ \			
	Learning difficulties (such as dyslexia)			X	Х			
	Mental illness	5	0.3					

	(substantial and lasting									
	more than a year)									
	Mobility (such as	5	0.3							
	wheelchair user,	٦	0.5							
	artificial lower limb(s),									
	walking aids,									
	rheumatism or arthritis)									
	Other Disability	27	1.34	х	Х					
	No Disability	168	84.0							
	140 Disability	8	04.0							
	Not Stated	268	13.3							
	Transsexual/Transge									
Gender	nder (people whose									
Identity	gender identity is									
1	different from the									
	gender they were									
	assigned at birth)		<u> </u>							
Pregnancy	Pregnant									
and	Maternity Leave									
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	last 12 months)									
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	Christian	851	42.3	163						
	Buddhist	9	0.5	Χ						
	Hindu	89	4.4	22						
	Jain	4	0.2							
	Jewish	51	2.5	10						
	Muslim	65	3.2	15						
Religion or	Sikh	6	0.3	Х						
Belief	Other religions	66	3.3	24						
	No religion	298	14.8	49						
	Not stated	165	8.2							
				51			1			
	No form returned	30	1.5	-			-			
	Atheist	36	1.8							
	Agnostic	25	1.2							
	Humanist	0	0							
	Not Assigned	315	15.7							
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	Heterosexual	124	61.7	191	48.5					
Sexual	Bisexual	8	0.4				-			
Orientation	Lesbian or Gay	27	1.3	X	Х		-			
		345	17.2	X	X					
	Prefer not to say			X	^		-			
	Not assigned	389	19.4							
	Married	491	24.4	117	34.8					
	Single	409	20.4	50	14.9					
	Widowed	0	0							
Marriage	Divorced	35	1.7	Х	Х		1			
and civil	In Civil partnership	0	0		^					
partnership	Cohabitating	21	1.0	<u> </u>			-			
	Separated	0	0							
	Unknown	105	52.4							
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	Not Assigned	0	0				
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Relevant and related	Formal						
grievances	Upheld						
grievances	Dismissed						

3.2 Evidence

3.3 List below available data and research that will be used to determine impact on different equality groups

HR data provided from CORE HR	
Staff/Stakeholder feedback	

3.4 Evidence gaps

Maternity Leave is not held centrally and will be shared from local records where necessary and as the process continues.

The project is at an early stage and until further work is completed and a model is confirmed the evidence gaps will become clearer.

3.5 Solution, please explain how you will fill any evidence gaps?

An update to this 'live' EIA will be completed at 4 key milestones, the next iteration is required after a delivery model has been decided; this will then establish whether further evidence should be gathered.

4. Project Milestone Outcomes, Analysis and Actions

4.1 Summary of the outcomes at each milestone

This is an initial analysis of the EIA for the Education and Skills ADM project and provides baseline figures. As the project develops the EIA will need to be re-assessed.

A Service Users EIA profile has also been completed.

The equality data above is the information available which details the protected characteristics of staff within the Education and Skills cohort, including Barnet staff who are employed in the schools meals service.

As the proposals include the Barnet schools meals service and Special Educational Needs, additional consideration needs to be made as to how these services will operate and whether this will impact on, for example, the take-up of free school meals.

Children's, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee will determine which options the council should explore and at this stage a detailed EIA will be undertaken on the staffing implications of the following services; School improvement, Special educational needs, Admissions and sufficiency of school places, Vulnerable pupils, Post 16 learning and Traded services within Education and Skills.

The councils overall workforce is;

- 66.17% female
- 42.64% of both female and male are over 50 years of age.
- 74.43% of the workforce are white, black and black British

Initial analysis of the Education and Skills equality data indicates;

- 93% of the workforce is female
- 55% of females only are over 50 years of age
- 75% of the workforce is white, black and black British

Given the current make-up of the workforce, whichever option is chosen, the change will have a bigger impact on women than men. The statistics show that 93% of the workforce is female and due regard will be paid to the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty. It cannot though be avoided that any changes will affect the female workforce whether this be a positive or negative impact. Mitigation for such effects will be drawn up at a later stage when more detail on the proposals are known and a decision is made to progress from the OBC.

There is no data available on maternity or sexual orientation transgender.

It is essential that the Managing Change Policy is followed and in a legally compliant manner, including with consideration of all aspects of the Equality Act 2010 and other relevant legislation.

Overall, at this stage of the project the new Delivery Model is not known and therefore it is not possible to fully assess the impact (in line with the LBB processes this cannot be completed until the Full Business Case is developed when the new model is known).

4.1.1 *Milestone – Project Initiation*

An updated Employee EIA will accompany the final OBC on detailed options in January 2015 to the CELS Committee

4.1.3 Milestone

4.2 Actions proposed

4.2.1 Milestone

4.1.2 Milestone

Equalities should form a key component of any specifications for the alternative delivery model and will form a component of any evaluation process. Post OBC a more detailed equalities analysis will be produced.

4.2.2	Milestone			

5. Briefing, Sharing and Learning

EIA Consultation -	
Group Content (by Title):	
Date Consultation Group Held:	
Comments resulting from consultation:	
Actions following consultation:	
Comments not actioned and reason:	

Business Scrutiny:

This table summarises the briefing activities. This EIA forms the primary briefing tool and has been shared as detailed below.

Table 2

Milestone Description	Show Briefing Date	Programme Office	Trade Unions – appropriate TU for Project	DPR - Delegated Powers Report	GFC – General Functions Committee	Corporate Staff Panel
Milestone 1 - Consolidation						
Milestone 2 - Voluntary Redundancy						
Milestone 3 - Transfer Date						