## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

# **Equality and Diversity Rapid Impact Assessment Tool**

# Part 1

Date of assessment 12 November 2012	Title of document being assessed Report 443 - 2012 Coldside – New Primary Schools and Pre- School Centre with Community Facilities
This is a new policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed (If yes please tick box)        □	This is an existing policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed?  (If yes please tick box)
2) Please give a brief description of the policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed.	The proposal is to seek committee approval in principle to enter into formal consultation under the terms of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 to build 2 x 1 stream primary schools with additional classrooms which can be allocated to either school as individual school rolls dictate to replace Our Lady's RC Primary School and Rosebank Primary School. Community facilities will also be incorporated within the new build programme. A new replacement facility for Frances Wright Pre-School Centre will also be included.
3) What is the intended outcome of this policy, procedure, strategy or practice?	The intended outcome will be a positive consultation process leading to committee approval to build the new schools, pre-school centre and community facilities.
4) Please list any existing documents which have been used to inform this Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment.	A report (257–2012) was approved by committee in June 2012 to enter into informal consultation by seeking the views of staff, parents and the community for improvements to primary school and community facilities in the Coldside area. The report set out the options under consideration.  The committee report on the School Estate report (254-2012) provided an update of the school estate in Dundee. It was the follow up to
	the School Estate report (539-2011).
5) Has any consultation, involvement or research with protected characteristic communities informed this assessment? If yes please give details.	During the period August to October 2012, there was been informal consultation with each school community involving staff, pupils, parents and carers through Parent Councils; relevant stakeholders including the Catholic church in relation to Our Lady's Primary School; the Local Community Planning Partnership; the Coldside

Forum; the local community; community centre users and key community stakeholders. The Director of Education undertook a programmed series of meetings as part of the informal consultation process. This involved meetings with: a group of parents and carers from each establishment: staff associated with each establishment: and the Local Community Planning Partnership. The Parish Priest attended the meeting with the group of parents and carers in Our Lady's Primary School. Members of each Pupil Council were also consulted with at school level. Michael Wood. Director of Education undertook informal consultation on the following dates: **LCPP** Staff in Our Lady's PS – Tuesday 11 September 2012 Group of parents in Our Lady's PS – Tuesday 25 September 2012 Staff in Rosebank PS – Monday 24 September 2012 Group of parents in Rosebank PS – Tuesday 25 September 2012 Staff in Frances Wright Pre-School Centre – Wednesday 3 October 2012 Group of parents in Frances Wright Pre-School Centre – Wednesday 26 September 2012 6) Please give details of council officer Michael Wood, Director of Education involvement in this assessment. Lina Waghorn, Head of Education (E.g. names of officers consulted, dates of Paul Clancy, Head of Education meetings etc) Janet Robertson, Head of Support Services Meetings to discuss the proposals and outcome of the informal consultation process: 15 October 2012 26 October 2012 5 November 2012 7) Is there a need to collect further The purpose of the report being presented is to evidence or to involve or consult protected seek committee approval to enter into formal characteristics communities on the impact consultation with staff, parents, pupils, the of the proposed policy? community and key stakeholders.

(Example: if the impact on a community is not known what will you do to gather the information needed and when will you do

this?)

#### Part 2

Which protected characteristics communities will be positively or negatively affected by this policy, procedure or strategy?

NB Please place an X in the box which best describes the "overall" impact. It is possible for an assessment to identify that a positive policy can have some negative impacts and visa versa. When this is the case please identify both positive and negative impacts in Part 3 of this form.

If the impact on a protected characteristic communities are not known please state how you will gather evidence of any potential negative impacts in box Part 1 section 7 above.

	Positively	Negatively	No Impact	Not Known
Ethnic Minority Communities including Gypsies and Travellers				
Gender			$\boxtimes$	
Gender Reassignment			$\boxtimes$	
Religion or Belief				
People with a disability	$\boxtimes$			
Age			$\boxtimes$	
Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual			$\boxtimes$	
Socio-economic	$\boxtimes$			
Pregnancy & Maternity				
Other (please state)				

1) Have any positive impacts been identified? (We must ensure at this stage that we are not achieving equality for one strand of equality at the expense of another)

Yes.

The current establishments of Our Lady's PS, Rosebank PS and Frances Wright Pre-School Centre are older buildings and are not as access friendly as the proposed new build will be. The new build projects will have lift access if the design requires the building to be two or more storeys in height.

The new build will have provision for pre-school, after school and out of school care. The existing schools (Rosebank PS and Our Lady's Primary School) share a service. One service in the new building could be used by more pupils and enable parents and carers to seek employment knowing that their children were being cared for before/after school and during the school holidays.

The Hilltown area of Coldside forms one of the City's priority regeneration areas and has been the subject of significant regeneration activity over recent years. As part of the clearance of the central area, the Highwayman Community Centre was demolished. Although programmes operating out of the Highwayman were reallocated to alternative community facilities throughout the area, there remains a sense of loss within the community and a desire to re-establish a broad-based community facility with no particular allegiance to any one neighbourhood or group. The incorporation of community facilities in the new build programme would redress the balance.

- 2) Have any negative impacts been identified? (Based on direct knowledge, published research, community involvement, customer feedback etc. If unsure seek advice from your departmental Equality Champion.)
- No. It is clear that the schools and pre-school centre will retain their own identity within the proposed campus arrangement. The community facilities will have a separate entrance.
- 3) What action is proposed to overcome any negative impacts? E.g. involving community groups in the development or delivery of the policy or practice, providing information in community languages etc. see Good Practice on DCC equalities web page
- No. Experience based on existing campus sites will be taken into account if the consultation is successful and the final committee decision is to build the new campus arrangement.

4) Is there a justification for continuing with this policy even if it cannot be amended or changed to end or reduce inequality without compromising its intended outcome? (If the policy that shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination you must stop and seek legal advice)	If yes please give further details
5) Has a 'Full' Equality Impact Assessment been recommended? (If the policy is a major one or is likely to have a major impact on protected characteristics communities a Full Equality Impact Assessment may be required) Seek advice from your departmental Equality Champion.	No
6) How will the policy be monitored? (How will you know it is doing what it is intended to do? e.g. data collection, customer survey etc.	The proposal is to seek approval for formal consultation and report back to committee (Education and Policy and Resources) on the outcome of the consultation so that a final decision on the proposal can be made.

# Part 4 Name of Department or Partnership: Department of Education and Department of Leisure and Communities

Type of Document	
Human Resource Policy	

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Human Resource Policy	
General Policy	
Strategy/Service	
Change Papers/Local Procedure	
Guidelines and Protocols	
Other	$\boxtimes$

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