

Subject / Title	Active Tameside – Adventure Longdendale
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Active Tameside	All service areas	Reg Patel

Start Date	Completion Date
July 1 <sup>st</sup> 2023	

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### PART 1 – INITIAL SCREENING

*An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for all formal decisions that involve changes to service delivery and/or provision. Note: all other changes – whether a formal decision or not – require consideration for an EIA.*

*The Initial screening is a quick and easy process which aims to identify:*

- *those projects, proposals and service or contract changes which require a full EIA by looking at the potential impact on, or relevance to, any of the equality groups.*
- *prioritise if and when a full EIA should be completed.*
- *explain and record the reasons why it is deemed a full EIA is not required.*

*A full EIA should always be undertaken if the project, proposal and service / contract change is likely to have an impact upon, or relevance to, people with a protected characteristic. This should be undertaken irrespective of whether the impact or relevancy is major or minor, or on a large or small group of people. If the initial screening concludes a full EIA is not required, please fully explain the reasons for this at 1e and ensure this form is signed off by the relevant Contract / Commissioning Manager and the Assistant Director / Director.*

1a.	What is the project, proposal or service / contract change?	Active Tameside
1b.	What are the main aims of the project, proposal or service / contract change?	To offer an opportunity for all Tameside residents to Live Their Best Life

1c. Will the project, proposal or service / contract change have either a direct or indirect impact on, or relevance to, any groups of people with protected equality characteristics?  
Where there is a direct or indirect impact on, or relevance to, a group of people with protected equality characteristics as a result of the project, proposal or service / contract change please explain why and how that group of people will be affected.

Protected Characteristic	Direct Impact/Relevance	Indirect Impact/Relevance	Little / No Impact/Relevance	Explanation
Age	Yes -			This will impact on families and young children accessing the centre
Disability	yes			<u>See section 3</u>
Ethnicity	Yes			<u>See section 3</u>
Sex				<u>See section 3</u>
Religion or Belief	Yes			<u>See section 3</u>
Sexual Orientation				<u>See section 3</u>
Gender Reassignment				<u>See section 3</u>
Pregnancy & Maternity	Yes			Early years and soft play area
Marriage & Civil Partnership				<u>See section 3</u>

Other protected groups determined locally by Tameside and Glossop Strategic Commission?

Group (Please state)	Direct Impact/Relevance	Indirect Impact/Relevance	Little / No Impact/Relevance	Explanation
Mental Health	Yes			Individuals that are not able to access facilities within their local community.
Carers	Yes			Individuals that are not able to access facilities within their local community.
Military Veterans	Yes			Individuals that are not able to access facilities within their

				local community.
Breast Feeding	<u>yes</u>			Individuals that are not able to access facilities within their local community.
Are there any other groups who you feel may be impacted by the project, proposal or service/contract change or which it may have relevance to? (e.g., <i>vulnerable residents, isolated residents, low-income households, those who are homeless</i> )				
Group (Please state)	Direct Impact/Relevance	Indirect Impact/Relevance	Little / No Impact/Relevance	Explanation

*Wherever a direct or indirect impact or relevance has been identified you should consider undertaking a full EIA or be able to adequately explain your reasoning for not doing so. Where little / no impact or relevance is anticipated, this can be explored in more detail when undertaking a full EIA.*

1d.	Does the project, proposal or service / contract change require a full EIA?		
		Yes, with the impending closure	

<p>1e.</p> <p>What are your reasons for the decision made at 1d?</p>		<p>The closure of Adventure Longdendale will mean several protected characteristic groups are likely to be impacted disproportionately in a negative way.</p> <p>With the present financial cost of living crisis and the current utility increase across the estate Active Tameside needed to the look at the rationale across the full estate and decide to look at the long-term viability of an aging building to make a balanced budget.</p> <p>Current level of spend on repairs is circa £10k per year and back log other repairs that are essential to keep the building up to a standard.</p> <p>At no point are we able to relocate the service and the nearest trampoline centre is Oldham. Active can look to accommodate the Early years and youth offer due to other facilities within a 1.0 mile radius. (Active Ken Ward)</p> <p>In parallel with the EIA Active Tameside is currently undertaking a review of concessionary pricing in partnership with TMBC for implementation September 2023.</p> <p>The report will ensure that all characteristic groups are catered for at Active Tameside Centres through considered programming. This programme is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday – Friday – Adult social care term time &amp; Holidays</li> <li>• Friday – Sunday = public opening -trampoline, laser and soft play including parties.</li> <li>• Friday – Access all areas Youth session on</li> <li>• Fuel4fun Holiday activities</li> <li>• Schools – accessing all areas.</li> <li>• Thursday – Sunday = public opening for the Holiday times (Thursday &amp; Friday from 12pm)</li> </ul> <p>A full EIA will underpin specific initiatives.</p>

*If a full EIA is required, please progress to Part 2.*

PART 2 – FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

2a. Summary

Active Tameside is currently undergoing a period of sustained financial pressure following the COVID 19 pandemic and recent market forces pressure including the circa 200% rise in utilities and ongoing running costs. During this time, supported by the council Active Tameside has not needed any extra funding from the council above and beyond the management fee that was agreed in 2021. It is also clear that due to the financial challenges faced by the council they are not in a position to further support Active Tameside financially during this period.

For 23/24 we have budgeted that Adventure Longdendale would cost circa £108,000+ annually to keep open, this is due to the fabric and age of the building which is ageing and incomparable to a modern-day leisure facility.

This will have many impacts on the local population but with other centres in the vicinity we feel we can mitigate them short term but eventually, this may have a greater impact in terms of Active lives and healthy life expectancy.

The current service that Active deliver at the centre will impact a range of groups.

Additional to this will be the potential loss of users which is mitigated by offering spaces and times for similar activities across the existing estate the effected numbers are listed below

- Monday – Friday – Adult social care term time & Holidays
- Friday – Sunday = public opening -trampoline, laser and soft play including parties.
- Friday – Access all areas Youth session on
- Fuel4fun Holiday activities
- Schools – accessing all areas.
- Thursday – Sunday = public opening for the Holiday times (Thursday & Friday from 12pm)

The approach to the closure in terms of redistribution of services, the various proximities to other centres etc essentially the general mitigation for everyone before we consider specific mitigation, or the various groups as identified.

Only viable option is to proceed with the closure of Adventure Longdendale this EIA will help to ensure that the most in need disadvantaged groups are able to access other facilities across the estate. Although for the local community and health and wellbeing benefits leaving Adventure Longdendale open would have a positive impact on the community which it serves.

Travel infrastructure around Adventure Longdendale is limited for the users to travel in by public transport

This EIA concerns the development of a new approach to Facilities & programming for Active Tameside and this seeks to redesign and realign budget constraints, utility and cost uplifts & health and care services to provide a joined up way of working to ensure that all services are accessible for Tameside residents and that Active Tameside continues to be an ongoing concern for the good of the local community.

With this approach Active Tameside will continue to work with key stakeholders and partners to conquer inactivity within the borough.

It is proposed that any future service model will have the following key principles at its heart and link to TMBC strategies for starting well, living well, aging well, and working well.

- Have a universal reach but focus for sections of the community and demographic areas where the needs are greatest, and health is poorest.
- Builds on the assets in communities (Leisure Centres) recognising the contribution they can make to improve health and wellbeing.
- Recognises that many people never access services and plans to provide interventions that are more acceptable and attractive to these people.
- It will be founded in good social marketing intelligence using key data and Tameside Insight.
- Include investment in environmental/ social interventions which will shape the landscape in which people are attempting to change their lifestyles.
- The offer will be tailored to individual's needs and all aspects of health and wellbeing lifestyle support will be available via simple access points.
- The approach will encompass both mental and physical health, social isolation for all Tameside residents.
- It will be linked and aligned to Tameside Neighbourhood Offer to ensure that social economic inequalities which underpin many health inequalities are able to be addressed as part of a holistic approach.
- There will be unification of services wherever possible to free up resources and ensure that local resources are utilised to maximum effect.
- It will have four key elements, a service element, stronger communities' element, mental health and wellbeing and behaviour change programme which will work synergistically to support all activities.

The key change to the offer will be a significant shift in resources to local demographic and areas of deprivation in Tameside. The vision for future will enable the most in need client groups access to a range of services and centres at reduced rates thereby improving individual and community resilience and wellbeing for all. This would therefore support effective, accessible, and responsive health improvement opportunities throughout the life course and across all settings.

At a local level the current model doesn't meet the aspirations of Active Tameside with regards to the best life dynamic. Additional to this all-new programming will link to the relevant information released from Greater sport. (Below)



Tameside Active  
Lives.csv

Active Tameside cannot offer the same range of services within other facilities due to the specifics of the services delivered on site. i.e trampolining park and laser arena. Soft play can be absorbed into the remaining soft play centre's,

## 2b. Issues to Consider

### Meeting our Equality Duty

In considering the Equality Act and the wider programme to conquer inactivity in Tameside, Active will lead to a significantly improved offer for Tameside residents with more resources being directed at marginalised groups, community groups and integrated services which will provide a single point of contact for residents needing more structured support to be active, change behaviour and live their best life. This will ensure that we have a significant leisure offer across Tameside despite the rationale to reduce facilities.

### Finance

The offer will predicate on the closure of Adventure Longendale for reason stated above.

Generic commercial pricing which will ensure long term sustainability across all Active centres.

Generic concessionary pricing scheme aligned to strategic aims of TMBC.

Demographic specific programming and pricing interventions.

The approach has been informed and developed by Active Tameside board in association with senior officers to identify a recovery plan to ensure sustainability of Active Tameside.

Additional to this will be the potential loss of users which is mitigated by offering spaces and times for similar activities across the existing estate the effected numbers are listed below.

- 80 youth each week tackling ASB per week.
- 120 Disabled adult users for social care and day services.
- 80 Disabled children's accessing weekly session specifically
- 180 accessing soft play that are Early years.
- 320 Accessing trampoline/Laser across all ages ranges.

### Consultation, engagement, and feedback

The approach has been informed and developed by the Active Tameside

Additional to this a consultation was not possible due to time constraints related to forecasted savings and viability.



Active Longendale  
Floor Plans.pdf



Appendix F -  
Longendale Recreatio



Longendale -  
Lifecycle.xlsx



Maintenance Register  
- Longdale Recreation

Section 3 – Impact

IMPACT- Impact of changes in the provision of programming for Active Tameside

For males in Tameside Life Expectancy is 75.8 and Healthy Life Expectancy is 61.6, compared to 80.5 for Life Expectancy and 58.2 for Healthy Life Expectancy for women.

Nationally these numbers are higher; male Life Expectancy and Healthy Life Expectancy are 78.7 and 63.1 respectively. Female Life Expectancy and Healthy Life Expectancy are 82.8 and 63.9 respectively.

70.3% of adults in Tameside are classified as overweight or obese (higher than the 63.5% national number); 35.95% of children in year 6 are classified as obese (higher than the 32.5% national number); and 32.4% of the population are inactive (again, higher than the 27.2% national number)

Tameside has a slightly older population than average, the highest proportion of residents being between 50-54, (7.19%, 16,604 residents), compared to England where the highest proportion are between 30-34 (7.0%)

Longdendale Health Statistic

8.6% Poor Health (Self-Reported) 3rd Highest in Tameside, average 7.3%)

23.0% Limiting Long Term Illness or Disability (Tameside Average =20.9%)

149.1 per 100,000 u75 population Under-75 CVD Mortality Rate (DSR) (4th Highest in Tameside, average = 86.4)

Longdendale has the third highest level of self-reported poor health and limiting long term illness or disability out of all Tameside wards. Despite this however, life expectancy for both male and females within Longdendale is the 5th highest out of all Tameside wards and overall premature mortality rates are considerably lower than the Tameside average within the ward. However, the under-75 CVD mortality rate in Longdendale is 75% higher than the Tameside average. The diagnosed prevalence of CHD, stroke, diabetes, asthma, Heart Failure, Atrial Fibrillation and Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) are higher than the Tameside average

Population

9,950 Longdendale Population (-13.9% Since 2001) (Tameside Population +2.9% Since 2001)

49.2% Male Population 4,893 (Tameside Male Population 49.1%)

50.8% Female Population 5,057 (Tameside Female Population 50.9%)



Health-Deprivation-Percentiles - Map.png



IMD-Percentiles - Map.png



Income-Deprivation-Percentiles - Map.png



ITEM 7 - THE



THE COUNCILS

COUNCILS SPORT AND LEISURE

Please above detail that underlines the impact closure will have on the community but at this present time we are able to plan mitigation that short term only will have no impact.



#### Age

Older people are activity encouraged to access services and facilities through an engaging programme and pricing model.

The proactive approach to risk stratification should ensure older people, in particular those with long term conditions, will be offered additional service. Some service provided across the portfolio of facilities are defined as being specific to older people.

Age is currently considered within the current concession pricing policy.

#### Gender

The current services are equally accessible to both male and female users and this is born out by usage data. The service model will enable Active Tameside to identify areas of service provision that need added resources to maximise reach, input and capacity which is more equitable access for men and women.

#### Disability

In the current provision for community health development, there is an objective to engage with hard-to-reach groups such as older people; people with disabilities or additional needs; BME communities and in priority neighbourhoods such as deprived communities. People with disabilities accessing these services will be impacted in the same way as other service users. None of the services are specifically defined as being for people with disabilities however services will have suitable resources and materials adapted for people with disabilities.

#### Ethnicity/Race

The current provision for community services, there is an objective to engage with hard-to-reach groups such as older people; people with disabilities or additional needs; BME communities and in priority neighbourhoods such as deprived communities. The current provision provides specialist services based on ethnicity provided by Active Tameside at specific centres (Ashton & Hyde) Both the organisation and service users have contributed to the consultation around the new & existing current service offer. This approach to reducing inequalities and focusing on supporting vulnerable groups and priority groups such as BME communities will be a key principle in any new proposals, in particular the new Stronger Communities programme in partnership with TMBC.

#### Sexual orientation.

Currently all WC facilities on site are single sex, however accessible changing facilities are available at this site for all genders. Sites that currently have unisex toilets include Active Medlock, Copley, Hyde and Tameside Wellness. All sites have accessible toilet and changing facilities that can be accessed by either Sex.

#### Marriage or civil partnership

Active Tameside is non-judgmental in terms of this characteristic and no service or activity requires this information and currently we don't ask and will not ask for in the future.

#### Religion/belief

Appropriate space in the new wellness centre that can act as a prayer room. We currently make a space available for all clients and staff at relevant times enable them to follow their religious practices.

Adaptation to suit all religions are made across all centres but at no expense to safety to individuals or others.

In terms of access at times of fasting for certain client groups we provided alternative opportunity to access facilities.

Gender reassignment.

Active Tameside has a range of facility stock that has wide ranging scope in terms of age from Tameside residents.

Pregnancy /Maternity

Current delivery of products and services ensure open access for all clients, including breastfeeding policy for parents at all public facilities etc.

#### Section 4 – Proposals & Mitigation

##### PROPOSALS & MITIGATION

As much as we can mitigate against many of the impacts we will be recommending to commissioners a strategic built estate review in Tameside which would benefit from having Active Tameside services in the heart of the community.

We will monitor impact of closure taking into consideration inequalities groups to ensure the closure is not felt more by one group – This will be done through the outcome's framework.

Active Tameside is to provide support to people to live their best life by addressing the factors that influence their health & wellbeing enabling them to be independent and resilient and support both themselves and people around them.

This will run alongside Active Tameside main offer that maximises the three key revenues streams of health & Fitness, swimming, and Gymnastics memberships.

We aim to migrate most daytime activities to Oxford Park and the attractions activities into our other attraction offers across our estate.

Below is our strategy (2019, Tameside wellness centre) which will be affected by the closure in the short, medium, and long term.

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The key principle is a person centred, not programme focused approach. We also want to develop support based on a community approach, building capacity to live healthy lives by addressing the factors that influence health and wellbeing. We want to provide early intervention services that are based on staff with the skills, knowledge and confidence to support people to change and build long-term relationships with our community and change behaviour to live a more active life.

It is proposed that any future service model will have the following key principles at its heart.

- Have a universal reach but focus on the communities where the needs are greatest, and health is poorest.
- Builds on the assets in communities recognising the contribution that local people can make to improve health and wellbeing.
- Recognises that many people never access services and plans to provide interventions that are more acceptable and attractive to these people.
- It will address health inequalities by incentivising service providers to actively seek out and engage with those who find it hardest to change their unhealthy lifestyles.
- It will be founded in good social marketing intelligence using JSNA and Tameside Insight.
- It will include investment in environmental/ social interventions which will shape the landscape in which people are attempting to change their lifestyles.
- The intervention mix will be tailored to individuals needs and all aspects of health and wellbeing lifestyle support will be available via simple access points.
- The approach will encompass both mental and physical health.
- It will be linked and aligned to Tameside Neighbourhood Offer to ensure that socio economic inequalities which underpin many health inequalities are able to be addressed as part of a holistic approach.
- There will be unification of services wherever possible to free up resources and ensure that local resources are utilised to maximum effect.
- Opportunities to engage voluntary sector organisations within the delivery system will be fully exploited wherever the opportunities present themselves with a clear vision to shift more resource and community delivery into the third sector.
- It will have four key elements, a service element, Stronger Communities element, Mental Health and Wellbeing and Behaviour Change programme which will work synergistically to support each other's activities.

We are therefore proposing a service model that is delivered through four commissioned work programmes:

Integrated Wellness Service giving support with healthy lifestyles.

The Service providing a range of advice, guidance and tailored support delivered in the heart of our communities. Free support will be provided around key lifestyle issues through a single point of access to improve health including:

- Health & Wellbeing
- mental wellbeing
- managing your own health and conditions
- inclusion

Everybody Can programme -All current programmes will be relocated across the estate.

A range of programmes and services that remove barriers to that ensure everyone is given a chance to reach their potential. -range of services, looking at health & wellbeing, social development and a holistic person-centred approach for young people and adults that enable all to reach their potential.

- Disability Programme - Children and young people and adults have access to a range of community and holistic programmes across Active Tameside.

- Developing a pathway from education through to Employment and volunteering opportunities for all people with a disability or additional needs in Tameside through the life course increasing wellbeing resilience.
- Providing Adult day care service that provides a varied programme of both physical activity and social interaction that empowers clients to develop a holistic overview to wellbeing and independence.
- Promotion of the 5 ways to wellbeing amongst the population and targeted groups and settings such as older people and workplaces.

Going forward the aim is to embed wellbeing promotion throughout all services captured within the Offer and ensure people of all ages understand the 5 ways to wellbeing and take up opportunities to take up 5 ways in their daily lives.

Live Active - All current programmes will be relocated across the estate.

The service aims to improve health and wellbeing by working with various members of the population with a range of health complaints.

- Consultations and planned approach to improving activity levels.
- Developing a pathway for clients that includes an introduction to activity, low levels classes, social interactions and key touch points for clients.
- Providing bespoke memberships offers that make the service accessible for all & empowers clients to develop a holistic overview to wellbeing.
- Promotion of the 5 ways to wellbeing amongst the population and targeted groups and settings such as older people and workplaces.
- Early years –a range of programmes that are structured to ensure young people aged 0-5 years start well and improve school readiness in Tameside.

Concessions pricing and site-specific programmes

- Continue to honour current Active+ members and concessions.
- Looked after Children offer – continue to offer LAC offer for 700 young people in the borough.



leisure pass  
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other document related to the impact of the facility closure.



Outcomes  
framework metrics



Active Education  
2Strategy 18-21 (8).dc



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strategy new brandi



early years New  
branding.docx



Health & Wellbeing  
Strategy new brand

Section 5 – Monitoring

**MONITORING PROGRESS**

Julian Jackson – Director of Place – commissioner

This done via Active Tameside outcomes framework and quarterly reports and performance meetings.

Issue / Action	Lead officer	Timescale
<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Required</i>
Ensuring equitable access to services		Quarterly
Ensuring positive outcomes are maintained.		Quarterly
Any negative equalities impact of the proposal is continuously identified throughout the procurement and contract period – any negative impacts are identified, and appropriate action is taken to address these.		Ongoing

Signature of Contract / Commissioning Manager	Date
Signature of Assistant Director / Director	Date

Guidance below to be removed from the completed EIA template submitted to Executive Board, Executive Cabinet or Strategic Commissioning Board (SCB)

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Protected Characteristic	Direct Impact/Relevance	Indirect Impact/Relevance	Little / No Impact/Relevance	Explanation
Age	✓			Adventure Longdendale has families and children who attend the centre
Disability		✓		Some users may be disabled but will have opportunity to attend other centres.
Ethnicity		✓		users come from a range of ethnic backgrounds within the locality.

Sex		✓		Active centres aren't sex specific
Religion or Belief			✓	
Sexual Orientation			✓	
Gender Reassignment			✓	
Pregnancy & Maternity	✓			Early Year Sessions
Marriage & Civil Partnership			✓	
NHS Tameside & Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group locally determined protected groups?				
Mental Health			✓	
Carers		✓		
Military Veterans			✓	
Breast Feeding	✓			provide services to pregnant women and new mothers
Are there any other groups who you feel may be impacted by the project, proposal or service/contract change or which it may have relevance to? (e.g., <i>vulnerable residents, isolated residents, low-income households, those who are homeless</i> )				
Group (Please state)	Direct Impact/Relevance	Indirect Impact/Relevance	Little / No Impact/Relevance	Explanation
Lone Parents		✓		users may include lone parents
Disadvantaged families	✓			support the most disadvantaged families, with an aim to reduce inequalities in child development and school readiness.