

Argyll and Bute Council: Equality and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment

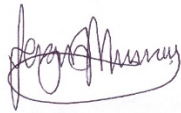
Section 1: About the proposal

Title of Proposal
Strategic Transportation - Removal of Road Safety Unit

Intended outcome of proposal
To end this service. Policy identified through Transformational Board Savings Option £97k from Economic Development Departmental Budget to meet Council shortfall.

Description of proposal
Road Safety Unit primary function is education, training and promoting road safety message to all categories of road user. The proposal is to end this service in response to the Council's budget projected shortfall.

Business Outcome(s) / Corporate Outcome(s) to which the proposal contributes
BO01 The health of our people is protected through effective partnership working BO19 All children and young people are supported to realise their potential. A&B Outcome Plan: Early Years, Safer and stronger communities, Health inequalities and physical activity.

Lead officer details:	
Name of lead officer	Moya Ingram
Job title	Strategic Transportation Manager
Department	Development and Infrastructure
Appropriate officer details:	
Name of appropriate officer	Fergus Murray
Job title	Head of Economic Development and Strategic Transportation
Department	Development and Infrastructure
Sign off of EqSEIA	
Date of sign off	11/01/2019

Who will deliver the proposal?x
Approval required via Council February Budget followed by compulsory redundancy procedures.

Section 2: Evidence used in the course of carrying out EqSEIA

Consultation / engagement
The Council carried out a Public Consultation on this service proposal during the 13 November 2017 and 2 January 2018 under Planning our Services – Budget Consultation.

Data
Fairer Scotland Duty Interim Guidance document and Scottish Government Equality Evidence Finder.

Other information

Negative impacts have been identified through records of training completed by pupils on an annual basis.

Gaps in evidence

Unmeasurable impact of the unknown competency of all category of road users.

Section 3: Impact of proposal

Impact on service users:

	Negative	No impact	Positive	Don't know
Protected characteristics:				
Age	x			
Disability		x		
Ethnicity		x		
Gender		x		
Gender reassignment		x		
Marriage and Civil Partnership		x		
Pregnancy and Maternity		x		
Religion		x		
Sexual Orientation		x		
Fairer Scotland Duty:				
Mainland rural population	x			
Island populations	x			
Low income		x		
Low wealth		x		
Material deprivation		x		
Area deprivation		x		
Socio-economic background		x		
Communities of place		x		
Communities of interest		x		

Impact on service deliverers (including employees, volunteers etc):

	Negative	No impact	Positive	Don't know
Protected characteristics:				
Age		x		
Disability		x		
Ethnicity		x		
Gender		x		
Gender reassignment		x		
Marriage and Civil Partnership		x		
Pregnancy and Maternity		x		
Religion		x		
Sexual Orientation		x		
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Communities of interest		X		

If any 'don't know's have been identified, at what point will impacts on these groups become identifiable?

N/A

How has 'due regard' been given to any negative impacts that have been identified?

The following mitigation and control measures were evidenced:

Community Services Department promote a guide for Parents and Pupils: School Transport which provides road safety information for both pupils and Parents advising parents they should ensure their child follows the safest walking route, uses the safest crossing places and knows how to behave responsibly whilst waiting to be picked up.

Roads Department assess and perform route inspections to schools using Road Safety West of Scotland guidance on the identification and assessment of road safety hazards to pedestrians on route to school.

Road Safety Scotland develop and promote effective road safety educational, training and promotional materials for use in educational establishments across Scotland.
<http://roadsafetyscotland.org.uk/parents-and-educators/educational-support>

Cycling Scotland offers and provides national cycle training to primary schools through the 'Bikeability Scotland' programme.
<http://www.bikeabilityscotland.org/>

Police Scotland promote safe and responsible motorcycling, reducing casualties, raising awareness and enforcing legislation.

Scottish Fire and Rescue work with partner agencies including **Police Scotland, Scotland Ambulance Service** to deliver road safety education and advice to help people reduce their risk of being involved in a Road Traffic Collision.

Section 4: Interdependencies

Is this proposal likely to have any knock-on effects for any other activities carried out by or on behalf of the council?

Y

Details of knock-on effects identified

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Both of the above services are performed at present.

Section 5: Monitoring and review

Monitoring and review

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Additional links to external agency websites promoting road safety education, training and promotion will be added to Council road safety website.

At the point of sale of car seats, car seat experts are available in some instances to give instruction and advice on correctly fitting car seats e.g. across Glasgow area Halfords, Mothercare, Smyths Toys. Advice on fitting child car seats is also readily available on the web e.g. AA, RosPA
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In addition and in order to monitor this policy there will be a need to undertake customer surveys through the citizen's panel for example.

Appendix 3: Process Map for EqSEIA

