

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

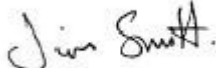
### Section 1: About the proposal

<b>Title of Proposal</b>
Reduction in maintenance of street lighting columns and lights

<b>Intended outcome of proposal</b>
Reduction in maintenance of street lighting columns and lights using a more risk based approach to prioritise maintenance and reduce expenditure.

<b>Description of proposal</b>
Argyll and Bute Council have a funding shortfall of 9 million pounds for 2019/20, to assist in reducing this shortfall it has been identified that a saving of 11% (£50k) can be made from the street lighting maintenance budget. This will see a more risk based prioritising of maintenance which will at times mean less dangerous columns and lights will take longer to fix as we will prioritise more urgent work first. This is balanced against a recent LED Lighting project which will see savings on electricity as well as an anticipated reduction in maintenance with further columns also being replaced which are at end of life.

<b>Business Outcome(s) / Corporate Outcome(s) to which the proposal contributes</b>
BO113 – Our Infrastructure is safe and fit for the future

<b>Lead officer details:</b>	
Name of lead officer	<b>Hugh O'Neill</b>
Job title	<b>Network and Standards Manager</b>
Department	<b>RAS</b>
<b>Appropriate officer details:</b>	
Name of appropriate officer	<b>Jim Smith</b>
Job title	<b>Head of Service</b>
Department	<b>RAS</b>
Sign off of EqSEIA	
Date of sign off	<b>03/01/2019</b>

<b>Who will deliver the proposal?</b>
Roads and Amenities Service

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

<b>Consultation / engagement</b>
Consultation with our street lighting team and electrical manufacturers in respect of savings from LED lighting identified less maintenance would be required on the new LED lights.

<b>Data</b>
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Engagement with lighting manufacturers identified a significant saving using LED lights. A programme of change was carried out to street lights which also had the benefit of reduced maintenance with more up to date lights being fitted.

**Other information**

Argyll and Bute Council have a 9 million pound funding gap for 2019/20 and will be required to transform how we work so that we can deliver the services our communities need. The introduction of new LED street lighting will introduce electricity savings as well as reduced maintenance.

**Gaps in evidence**

No public consultation has been carried out prior to this proposal going ahead.

**Section 3: Impact of proposal**

**Impact on service users:**

	Negative	No impact	Positive	Don't know
<b>Protected characteristics:</b>				
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		
<b>Fairer Scotland Duty:</b>				
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
<b>Protected characteristics:</b>				
Age		X		
Disability		X		
Ethnicity		X		
Gender		X		
Gender reassignment		X		
Marriage and Civil Partnership		X		
Pregnancy and Maternity		X		
Religion		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?**

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

The maintenance of street lights will be risk assessed and although there will be a reduction to some maintenance levels this will be done on a prioritised basis with more dangerous faults being identified and dealt with within agreed timescales, less dangerous faults will be prioritised in line with operational availability.

#### 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?**

No

**Details of knock-on effects identified**

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#### Section 5: Monitoring and review

**How will you monitor and evaluate the equality impacts of your proposal?**

Review of any issues raised by communities should this proposal be authorised.

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