



Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) of Budget Proposals

2016

Name of Budget Saving	Increase walking distance for High School children from 2 to 3 miles
Department and service area	Travel and Fleet Services
Completion Date	5 October 2016
Lead officer	Ricky Moffat

Aims and Objectives

The aim is to increase the distance High School children walk to school before providing Council funded transport.

1. Does the proposed budget saving affect people? Yes

2. What is/are the reason(s) for your proposed budget saving?

The budget saving is put forward to meet the Council's overall budget deficit.

3. Impact

Which of the protected characteristics* will the proposed budget saving have an impact upon?

Equality Target Group*	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Relevant evidence/ information
Age			There will be health benefits associated with walking to school
Disability			Children with disabilities that require assisted travel will continue to receive this
Gender Reassignment			
Marriage & Civil Partnership			
Pregnancy and maternity			
Race			
Religion or Belief			
Sex			
Sexual Orientation			

4. How will the implementation of the proposed budget saving be communicated to those affected by any changes?

A final decision will be taken by Council and this information will be sent via the schools to children and parents/guardians affected in formats as required.

5. How will you monitor the impact of the changes proposed? When is the budget due to be reviewed?

The number of complaints and issues raised directly with the schools and Travel & Fleet team.

6. Please use the space below to detail any other matters arising from the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) process.

This proposal primarily affects High School children who currently receive transport when the walk to school is more than 2 miles. This change would only be introduced where there was a safe walking route.

There may be an increase in children being driven to school.

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