

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal T19 - E7 School Crossing Patrols
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Description of Service / Policy

This relates to the delivery of some 260 school crossing patrol sites across the county, one of the largest services in the country, notwithstanding that there is no statutory obligation to provide the services.

Geographical impact* All Hampshire

Description of proposed change

To make this service cost neutral by securing alternative sources of funding, and/or making service reductions. The optimum outcome of an alternative funding model would see no impact on service users. However, this option would impact upon school or community budgets, though the contribution requested for a single patrol would be relatively small. The Council would still manage the service. Other options would see a reduction in the number of school crossing patrols employed, and a potential impact upon service users in terms of perception of safety for walks to school. This is a discretionary service, and therefore changes will not affect the statutory responsibility of parents or guardians to get their child safely to school.

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

No specific consultation has been carried out on this proposal, however, the County Council carried out a major public consultation exercise over the Summer 2017 on a range of options for finding further budget savings including increasing council tax, using reserves and making changes to the way in which services are delivered, which may mean reducing or withdrawing certain services. The outcome of this consultation will be presented to Cabinet in October 2017.

When decisions are made to pursue the options, further specific consultation will be carried out with stakeholders on the detailed options where required.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Statutory considerations

Impact

Age Impact	Medium A reduction in the School Crossing Patrol Service could impact upon young people (pupils) in making their way to school. While there will be no change in the statutory responsibility of parents and guardians to get children safely to school, some parents and pupils may be required to make more judgements as to where and when to cross the road.
Mitigation	In some cases there will be opportunities to make crossing

improvements, and road safety education in schools will also provide opportunities to help individuals to cross the road safely.

More detailed impact assessments will be carried out against specific proposals.

Disability
Impact

High

A reduction in the School Crossing Patrol service could have a disproportionate impact upon young people (pupils) with a disability, particularly with a visual or mobility impairment. While there will be no change to the statutory responsibility of parents and guardians to get children safely to school, some parents and pupils will be required to make more judgements as to where and when to cross the road.

Mitigation

In some cases, there will be opportunities to make crossing improvements, and road safety education in schools will also provide opportunities to help individuals to cross the road safely.

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Sexual Orientation

Neutral

Race

Neutral

Religion and Belief

Neutral

Gender Reassignment

Neutral

Gender

Neutral

Marriage and civil
partnership

Neutral

Pregnancy and
Maternity

Neutral

Other policy considerations

Poverty

Neutral

Rurality

Neutral

Additional Information

At present, plans are not finalised. Consultation will inform future planning, and further EIAs will be carried out accordingly, including of affected staff as necessary. It should be noted that the impacts of this project will be further reassessed in tandem with those arising from proposals relating to the Home to School Transport service. This will help to ensure that alterations to services affecting access to schools are considered in the round.