

Community Impact Assessment Checklist and Executive Summary

Name of Proposal:

Home to School Transport – Review of Temporary Vacant Seat Scheme

Project Sponsor:

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Date Completed:

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Final Checklist

Checklist	Action Completed	Comments/Actions
The project supports the Council's Business Plan, priorities and MTFS.	Yes	
It is clear what the decision is or what decision is being requested.	Yes	
For decisions going to Cabinet, the CIA findings are reflected in the Cabinet Report and potential impacts are clearly identified and mitigated for (where possible).	Yes	
The aims, objectives and outcomes of the policy, service or project have been clearly identified.	Yes	
The groups who will be affected by the policy, service or project have been clearly identified.	Yes	
The communities that are likely to be more adversely impacted than others have been clearly identified.	Yes	
Engagement / consultation has been undertaken and is representative of the residents most likely to be affected.	Yes	A "listening exercise" was undertaken between 31 August 2021 and 12 October 2021.
A range of people with the appropriate knowledge and expertise have contributed to the CIA.	Yes	
Appropriate evidence has been provided and used to inform the development and design of the policy, service or project. This includes data, research, engagement/consultation, case studies and local knowledge.	Yes	
The CIA evidences how the Council has considered its statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010 and how it has considered the impacts of any change on people with protected characteristics.	Yes	

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The next steps to deliver the project have been identified.	Yes	



Executive Summary

	Which groups will be affected?	Benefits	Risks	Mitigations / Recommendations
PSED	<p>Protected characteristic – Age</p> <p>Younger people – school children not eligible for home to school transport</p> <p>Parents/carers of school children not eligible for home to school transport</p>		<p>There is a risk that school children who are not eligible for free home to school transport could find it more difficult to get to their preferred choice school, if the Temporary Vacant seat Scheme is not reinstated.</p>	<p>From analysis of the survey data gathered, it is thought that local bus services could provide a solution for some affected families.</p> <p>It is recommended further work is undertaken to assess opportunities to adjust local support bus routes to improve connectivity for affected families and communities in rural areas.</p>
Health and Care	<p>Younger people – school children not eligible for home to school transport.</p>	<p>There may be an option for some older school children to walk/cycle to school which could have a positive impact on their health and wellbeing.</p>	<p>There may be an impact upon a child's mental health if they are struggling to attend their school of choice due to transport issues.</p>	<p>See above, and – Sustainable travel options will be communicated and promoted, including walking and cycling.</p>
Economy	N/A			
Environment	<p>If the TVSS is not reinstated a small number of</p>	<p>There will be no impact on walking and</p>	<p>There is a risk that school children</p>	<p>As above.</p> <p>Taking account of these mitigations,</p>

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	young people under the age of 19 (not eligible for school to home transport) will be affected, as they will no longer be able to travel on closed home to school transport on their journey to school / sixth form.	<p>cycling opportunities.</p> <p>The removal of the TVSS may increase the number of young people travelling more actively, i.e. walking / cycling to school.</p>	<p>who are not eligible for home to school transport could find it more difficult to get to their preferred choice school.</p> <p>It is likely that more children will be driven to school, increasing traffic, and potentially having an impact on the environment around the school.</p>	any additional journeys are likely to have minimal impact due to the low numbers involved.
Localities / Communities	Younger people – school children not eligible for home to school transport		There is a risk that school children who are not eligible for home to school transport could find it more difficult to get to their preferred choice school.	As above.

