

Equality and Rights Impact Assessment (ERIA)

2015-2018 Budget Summary Report

What budget option does this ERIA information relate to?

SFC 17 Reduce third sector / partner agency grants includes:

- Commissioning Budget for Homelessness and Housing Support – Around £14m
- Police Scotland - £2.6m
- Grants to local neighbourhood and community groups - £1.4m

What are the main impacts of this option on rights?

The Commissioning budget provides services for clients who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. Savings of £2.3m have previously been agreed to this budget. Current services enhance client's rights to health, education and learning, standard of living, productive and valued activities, individual, family and social life, identity expression and self respect and participation influence and voice. Further savings may affect provision of these services. While current clients should not be affected new clients may not be able to access the services they need which could have a negative impact on their rights.

The following rights are relevant with regards to the Council's funding of community police officers within Police Scotland and community policing activity:

- Health;
- Physical security; and
- Individual, family and social life.
- There is potential that these rights could be infringed if funding was reduced. However the same service would still be available on a city level.

What are the main impacts of this option on equality?

The services funded via the commissioning budget are available for all clients within the protected characteristics. Specific services are targeted at clients with disabilities, young people, women, and clients from the BME communities. Additional savings from these services may affect future provision. These services assist clients to access housing, health, care and other services that they would not be able to access without support. They work to eliminate harassment, discrimination and victimisation and to promote understanding of the specific issues facing clients who are homeless or at risk of homelessness across the protected characteristics.

The funding of community police officers and community policing activity is relevant to those possessing the protected characteristics listed below:

- Age;
- Disability;
- Faith or belief;
- Gender reassignment;
- Marriage/Civil Partnership;
- Pregnancy/Maternity;
- Race;
- Sex; and
- Sexual Orientation.

The service allows clients in neighbourhood to access support in relation to crime including hate crime. Community policing also educated young people in certain areas. Reduction of

funding may result in a loss of specific community policing but services should still be available city wide.

Grants to local neighbourhood and community groups allow clients from the protected characteristics to access services that they would not have usually been able to access. These groups contribute to fostering good relations within the communities they are based

What are the main recommendations to address either the positive or negative impacts?

How the savings are to be split has yet to be decided and will be informed by the consultation process.

The effects of previous savings should be considered when discussing these proposals.

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Carbon Impact Assessment Template

BUDGET OPTION (number/title/details)				
LEAD OFFICER (name and contact details)				
To record your assessment put an X in the appropriate columns below.				
COUNCIL CARBON EMISSIONS	IMPACTS			NOTES
	↓	↑	↔	
WASTE to landfill			X	
BUILDINGS energy usage			X	
INFRASTRUCTURE energy usage			X	
TRANSPORT fuel consumption			X	

↓ = *anticipated decrease in emissions*

↑ = *anticipated increase in emissions*

↔ = *no change anticipated*