

Place Directorate - Statements where IIA is considered not required

Considerations

- Have consequences for or affect people;
- Have potential to make a significant impact on equality even when this only affects a relatively small number of people;
- Have the potential to make a significant impact on the economy and the delivery of economic outcomes; or
- have a significant environmental impact

Fleet Review

This proposal is designed to improve the way that Council services are delivered, providing services more locally and improving the way in which vehicles are procured and managed within the Council's fleet. It is anticipated that there will be some environmental benefits arising from the reduction in travel and in the investment in new vehicles which will replace the Council's aging fleet, however until the review is progressed and the strategies for implementation are developed, it is not possible to quantify these benefits. A full IIA or SEA will be undertaken at the point where this information becomes available.

Culture Income Maximisation

This proposal is to increase income from the Council's cultural venues by £150,000. The consequences of this for people with protected characteristics, those vulnerable to falling into poverty or geographical communities are considered to be minimal, as the increased charges are mainly those levied to commercial organisations for on-going rental agreements and charging for advertising.

The proposal includes a potential rise in the cost of visiting the Nelson Monument however this venue is currently open but has limited access for people who are unable to climb the stairs. The Council has recently opened Collective Gallery on Calton Hill which will have a positive impact on some people with protected characteristics as this area will now have a cultural venue which is accessible.

Parks Income Maximisation

This proposal is to increase the income in the city's parks by charging for one-off and non-contracted events and to increase the concessions available in parks however there will be no impact on the public utilising the park on a daily basis for free and therefore there are no positive or negative impacts identified for people with protected characteristics, people vulnerable to falling into poverty, geographical communities or the Council's staff. It is anticipated that a positive economic impact can be achieved as concessions will likely be operated by local small businesses. It is possible that a small negative environmental impact may arise however concession operators will be encouraged to use sustainable materials.

Laboratory Services

It is proposed to carry out a feasibility study into the activities of the Council's Laboratory service. Once the study is carried out and the outcome is known, an IIA will be considered however the proposal is currently to review the service operations and therefore no impact assessment is required at this stage.

Transport Reform

This proposal is to transfer the management of the Tram maintenance to Edinburgh Trams Limited from City of Edinburgh Council. There will be no impact on protected groups, on the economy or on sustainability and on that basis, it is considered that no impact assessment is required.

Roads Capitalisation

This proposal is to reduce the revenue expenditure in the Council and to increase the capital expenditure in roads maintenance. There will be no impact on protected groups, on the economy or on sustainability and on that basis, it is considered that no impact assessment is required.

Joint Waste Procurement

This proposal is to explore opportunities to secure economies of scale with other local authorities in the costs of disposal of waste. It is anticipated that this proposal could have a positive impact on sustainability but at present the proposal is simply to discuss with the authorities which could be achieved. An IIA assessment will be undertaken once the proposal has been developed further.

Depot Review

An IIA has not been undertaken as part of this proposal development, as this is an enhancement of an on-going project for the Council and the IIA criteria will be considered/has been considered as part of the overall project.

Area Based Regeneration

This proposal is to realign existing Council services and to change the way in which costs are attributed. On the basis that there is no impact to protected groups, to the economy or on sustainability, it is considered that an impact assessment is not required.

However, as the Council develops an area based approach, it is anticipated that positive impacts will be achieved both directly (where the Council is delivering) and indirectly (where others are leading). IIA assessments will be undertaken as the Council progresses individual projects.

Clean and Green

The Council received additional one-year funding in 2018/19 and this was used to employ temporary people to improve the cleanliness of the city's streets. This funding has now been made permanent and therefore the Council can achieve a reduction in the cost of this service without impacting on service delivery. There will be no impact on protected groups, on the economy or on sustainability and on that basis, it is considered that no impact assessment is required.

Roads Additional Funding

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