

Equality and Rights Impact Assessment

2015-2018 Budget Summary Report

What budget option does this ERIA information relate to?

SfC Add 19- Review Taxi Card Provision

What are the main impacts of this option on rights?

Rights to health – The £20 administration charge could affect those on a low income who could find their access to transport reduced. There is the likelihood that only a few operators will supply the service thus reducing choice and accessibility.

Rights to education and learning, Standard of living, Productive and valued activities, Individual, family and social life, identity, expression and self respect, participation, influence and voice

The £20 administration charge could affect those on a low income who could find their access to transport reduced. There is a possibility that the discount for taxicard users agreed through the procurement process may be less than that currently provided which adversely affect all users, particularly those on a low income. There is the likelihood that only a few operators will supply the service thus reducing choice and accessibility. The combination of factors could lead to increased customer isolation.

What are the main impacts of this option on equality?

Age and disability

It could be that people with these two protected characteristics may have reduced Opportunity to engage in all aspects of daily life including engagement with family and Social networks.

Without engaging with both communities in developing and implementing an alternative service the Council could be accused of discriminating against both protected characteristics

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

Current users of the service will be advised that service will continue to be delivered by accessible suppliers at a much reduced cost to the council whilst potentially giving regular users much greater benefits.

All provisions of the scheme must be considered and the needs of individual users must be taken account. All users are to be contacted regarding potential changes and a scheme is to be developed full user/stakeholder interaction.

Through each stage of any proposed procurement process stakeholders will be informed through letters and focus groups. Feedback from focus groups and users will be used to help frame any changes to the provision of the scheme.

If changes are made then the performance of the contractor will be closely monitored as will feedback from users and their representatives. This information will be used to adapt the scheme and monitor/improve performance on a six monthly basis.

Other issues; card could run for life, online renewal.

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Carbon Impact Assessment Template

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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*