



City of Edinburgh Council

Record of Equality and Rights Impact Assessment

Part 1: Background and Information

(a) Background Details

Please list ERIA background details:

ERIA Title and Summary Description:

Proposals for the Smarter Choices Smarter Places 2017/18 Programme.

Authority is being sought for endorsement of the proposed programme in a report on "Smarter Choices Smarter Places 2017/18", to the Transport and Environment Committee on 21 March 2017. This follows from notification from Paths for All that the Smarter Choices Smarter Places funding is potentially available for 2017/18. A report entitled "Response to Smarter Choices Smarter Places Funding 2017/18" outlines proposed plans

Service Area	Division	Head of Service	Service Area Reference No.
Place	Planning and Transport	Paul Lawrence, Executive Director	2017P83

(b) What is being impact assessed?

Describe the different policies or services (i.e. decisions, projects, programmes, policies, services, reviews, plans, functions or practices that relate to the Corporate ERIA Title):

Policies and Services	Date ERIA commenced
Proposals for the 2017/17 Smarter Choices Smarter Places Programme	8 February 2017

(c) ERIA Team

Please list all ERIA Team Members:

Name	Organisation / Service Area
Judith Cowie	Transport, Active Travel
Lorna Henderson	Transport, Road Safety

Part 2: Evidence and Impact Assessment

(a) Evidence Base

Please record the evidence used to support the ERIA. Any identified evidence gaps can be recorded at [part 3a](#). Please allocate an abbreviation for each piece of evidence.

Evidence	Abbreviation
Officer Knowledge	OK

(b) Rights Impact Assessment – Summary

Please describe all the identified enhancements and infringements of rights against the following ten areas of rights. Please also consider issues of poverty and health inequality within each area of rights:

- Life
- Health
- Physical security
- Legal security
- Education and learning
- Standard of living
- Productive and valued activities
- Individual, family and social life
- Identity, expression and respect
- Participation, influence and voice

Please indicate alongside each identified enhancement or infringement the relevant policy or service (see [part 1b](#)) and relevant evidence (see [part 2a](#)).

Summary of Enhancements of Rights

Health - The SCSP programme encourages increased levels of walking and cycling, which contributes to a healthier lifestyle. (OK)

Summary of Infringement of Rights

Can these infringements be justified? Are they proportional?

There are no negative impacts of this type for developing the Smarter Choices Smarter Places programme

(c) Equality Impact Assessment – Summary

Please consider all the protected characteristics when answering questions 1, 2 and 3 below. Please also consider the issues of poverty and health inequality within each protected characteristic:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender identity
- Marriage / civil partnership
- Pregnancy / maternity
- Race
- Religion / belief

- Sex
- Sexual orientation

1. Please describe all the positive and negative impacts on the duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment or victimisation. Please indicate alongside each identified impact the relevant policy or service (see [part 1b](#)) and relevant evidence (see [part 2a](#)).

Positive Impacts
There are no positive impacts of this type for developing the Smarter Choices Smarter Places programme
Negative Impacts
There are no negative impacts of this type for developing the Smarter Choices Smarter Places programme

2. Please describe all the positive and negative impacts on the duty to advance equality of opportunity (i.e. by removing or minimising disadvantage, meeting the needs of particular groups that are different from the needs of others and encouraging participation in public life)? Please indicate alongside each identified impact the relevant policy or service (see [part 1b](#)) and relevant evidence (see [part 2a](#)).

Positive Impacts
Part of the proposed SCSP 2017/18 programme involves encouraging awareness of walking and cycling opportunities in less affluent areas. It is envisaged that these services, such as guided walks and cycle rides, would be designed specifically to meet the needs of these groups of people, and to encourage these groups to make healthier choices about how they choose to travel. It is expected that these projects would have positive impacts and enhance the health/wellbeing of these groups of people.
Another focus of the SCSP 2017/18 programme is to enhance public spaces, in terms of street design. This would also have a positive effect on increasing participation in public life, to members of the public.
It is important to recognise disadvantage and seek to minimise this when delivering public services, and the SCSP 2017/18 will be designed with this in mind. (OK)
Negative Impacts

3. Please describe all the positive and negative impacts on the duty to foster good relations (i.e. by tackling prejudice and promoting understanding)? Please indicate alongside each identified impact the relevant policy or service (see [part 1b](#)) and relevant evidence (see [part 2a](#)).

Positive Impacts
As above, guided walks and guided cycle rides may form part of the Smarter Choices Smarter Places programme in 2017/18. These types of initiatives aim to create environments where people feel safer/supported in walking and cycling, by creating community groups. This is an attempt to promote more inclusive communities. (OK)
Negative Impacts
There are no negative impacts of this type for developing the Smarter Choices Smarter Places programme

Part 3: Evidence Gaps, Recommendations, Justifications and Sign Off

(a) Evidence Gaps

Please list all relevant evidence gaps and action to address identified gaps.

Evidence Gaps	Action to address gaps
None	

(b) Recommendations

Please record SMART recommendations to

- (i) eliminate unlawful practice or infringements of absolute rights;
- (ii) justify identified infringements of rights; or
- (iii) mitigate identified negative equality impacts.

Recommendation	Responsibility of (name)	Timescale

(c) Sign Off

I, the undersigned, am content that:

- (i) the ERIA record represents a thorough and proportionate ERIA analysis based on a sound evidence base;
- (ii) the ERIA analysis gives no indication of unlawful practice or violation of absolute rights;
- (iii) the ERIA recommendations are proportionate and will be delivered;
- (iv) the results of the ERIA process have informed officer or member decision making;
- (v) that the record of ERIA has been published on the Council's website / intranet, or
- (vi) that the ERIA record has been reviewed and re-published.

Date	Sign Off (print name and position)	Reason for Sign Off (please indicate which reason/s from list (i) to (vi) above)
08/02/17	Judith Cowie (Professional Officer)	i-iii
29/3/17	Paul Lawrence – Executive Director of Place (gillian.johnston@edinburgh.gov.uk)	i-iii