

Integrated Impact Assessment

Summary Report Template

1. Title of plan, policy or strategy being assessed

Withdrawal of Community Safety Night Team on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings.

2. What will change as a result of this proposal?

Community Safety Night Team service would cease to be delivered during a Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night between 5.30pm and 2.30am. Police Scotland will respond to noise calls within the city during these hours. Community Improvement Partnerships will no longer have access to six officers within localities or to target hot spot areas of antisocial behaviour between the hours of 5.30pm and 10pm on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

3. Briefly describe public involvement in this proposal to date and planned

The proposal to withdraw the Community Safety Night Service is part of the wider City of Edinburgh budget consultation. Two public meetings were held during November and December, consultation was held through the council consultation hub, leaflets and newspaper articles were produced, social media was used to advertise consultation.

4. Date of IIA
12/01/2018

5. Who was present at the IIA?

Name	Job Title	Date of IIA training	Email
Shirley McLaren	Community Safety Manager		Shirley.mclaren@edinburgh.gov.uk

6. Evidence available at the time of the IIA

Evidence	Available?	Comments: what does the evidence tell you?
Police Scotland has a statutory duty to respond to noise calls	Yes - Police Legislation	Police Scotland already respond to calls on a Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening and during the day on a Saturday and Sunday
Reduction in noise calls, received via Police Scotland	Statistics – numbers of calls received	Service is mainly utilised on a Friday and Saturday night between 10pm and 2am.
Lack of take up from localities in referring cases and operations to the team	Council records	At times, the team has had no operations between the hours of 5.30pm and 10pm on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening.

7. In summary, what impacts were identified and which groups will they affect?

Equality + Rights + Wellbeing	Affected Populations
Members of the public will receive a service from Police Scotland instead of the Council. At present, all calls are received by Police Scotland, who review them from a safety perspective before forwarding to the Council. Individuals will continue to contact Police Scotland through 101 to receive a service and the calls will no longer be referred to the Council on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening. Customers will no longer have to deal with two organisations if they have a noise complaint or a complaint about the service.	All
Negative Impacts Locality Community Improvement Partnerships will no longer have a Council resource to utilise out with working hours. They will continue,	Stakeholders and communities

<p>however, to have access to Community Police Officers funded through Police Scotland and Community Police Officers funded through the Partnership Agreement between the Council and Police Scotland, and they may be required to utilise overtime for Family and Household Support Officers.</p> <p>This will lead to a reduction in a visible presence of Council Officers within the communities between 5.30pm and 10pm on some Thursdays to Sundays.</p>	
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Environment + Sustainability	Affected Populations
<p>Positive Impacts</p> <p>Reduction in carbon footprint through the reduction of energy used through communication between police Scotland and the Council</p> <p>Reduction in use of Council vehicles which would have been used to attend noise calls. Reduction in Council fuel use.</p>	All
<p>Negative Impacts</p> <p>Residents may have to wait longer for a service from Police Scotland due to resources available and priority of cases received by Police Scotland.</p>	All

Economic	Affected Populations
<p>Positive Impacts</p> <p>Reduction in carbon foot print through reduction in energy use in transferring data and energy used by Community safety officer in receiving emails, making calls and use of ICT.</p> <p>Saving to Council budget, enabling the Council to meet its budget savings</p>	<p>City of Edinburgh Council</p> <p>City of Edinburgh Council</p>
<p>Negative Impacts</p> <p>None</p>	

8. Is any part of this policy/ service to be carried out wholly or partly by contractors and how will equality, human rights including children’s rights, environmental and sustainability issues be addressed?

No

9. Consider how you will communicate information about this policy/ service change to children and young people and those affected by hearing loss, speech impairment, low level literacy or numeracy, learning difficulties or English as a second language? Please provide a summary of the communications plan.

Leaflet available in large print, social media, council website updated on how to access service through police Scotland, newspaper article and publicity campaign

10. Is the policy a qualifying Policy, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005? (see Section 4)

No

11. Additional Information and Evidence Required

If further evidence is required, please note how it will be gathered. If appropriate, mark this report as interim and submit updated final report once further evidence has been gathered.

12. Specific to this IIA only, what actions have been, or will be, undertaken and by when? Please complete:

Specific actions	Who will take them forward	Deadline for progressing	Review date
Consultation exercise published	Communication team, Strategy and Insight	Complete	Complete
Consultation with Police Scotland, advised of proposal to withdraw service from 1 April 2018, advised of how to respond	Community Safety Manager	Complete	Complete

Attendance at community Improvement Partnerships to advise of proposal.	Community Safety Manager	Complete	Complete
Public meeting held		Complete	Complete
Decision to be made on all budget proposal at full council on 12/02/18	Strategy and Insight and Council Corporate Leadership Team to support councilors in making decisions on 2018/19 budget	12/02/18	12/02/18
Media campaign to be launched following decision	Community Safety Manager and Media Team	13/02/18	31/03/18
Inform Police Scotland of outcome and start date for them to provide service	Community Safety Manager	13/02/18	13/02/18

13. How will you monitor how this policy, plan or strategy affects different groups, including people with protected characteristics?

Include outcomes from noise calls in the Partnership Agreement between the Council and Police Scotland for funded officers.

14. Sign off by Head of Service

Name:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'H'.

Harry Robertson, Acting Head of Safer and Stronger Communities

Date: 15/01/18