

INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT SUMMARY REPORT TEMPLATE FOR EMERGENCY DECISIONS

1. Title of proposal Lockdown of Community Centres
2. What will change as a result of this proposal? Cessation of service delivery
3. Briefly describe public involvement in this proposal to date and planned. Nil
4. Date of IIA 22_05_2020
5. Who was involved in carrying out the IIA? (please list lead officer and other staff)

| Name | Job Title |
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| Caroline Lamond (with input from Jackie Stewart and Helen Bourquin) | Lifelong Learning Service Manager |

6. Evidence available at the time of the IIA

| Evidence | Available – detail source | Comments: what does the evidence tell you about different groups who may be affected? |
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| Data on populations in need | Office for National Statistics | There is a wide range of the population that use the services, most of this population will be vulnerable groups |
| Data on service uptake/access | Community Centre programmes of activities including Adult Education Youth Work, Community Capacity Building. Partnership with Voluntary Sector Organisations. | Services are well used by all ranges of age groups across the city |
| Data on socio-economic disadvantage e.g. low income, material/area-based deprivation. | Office for National Statistics | Community Centres are mainly in areas of multiple deprivation. There is a wide range of service users most of which fall within these categories |
| Data on equality outcomes | Equalities Commission | There are equalities impacts to closure |
| Research/literature evidence | N/A | The closure decision was effected by the Government due to <i>Covid-19 lock down</i> |
| Public/patient/client experience information | Local staff feedback to Service Managers | Negative feedback from some Management Committees regarding the lack of prior warning of closure |
| Insight from public / service user engagement | Local staff feedback to Service Managers | Some negative feedback from Management Committees Some negative feedback from let holders and service users |
| Evidence of unmet need | N/A | As above |
| Good practice guidelines | N/A | As above |

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| Carbon emissions generated/reduced | N/A | Carbon emissions are reduced as establishments are closed |
| Environmental data | N/A | N/A |
| Risk from cumulative impacts | Multi-agency/Government Covid-19 ongoing impact reporting | There are continuing risks in terms of for example social isolation, food poverty, diminishing wellbeing, fewer safe spaces for people experiencing harm e.g. domestic violence. |
| Other (please specify) | N/A | N/A |
| Additional evidence required? | N/A | N/A |

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

| Equality, Health and Wellbeing and Human Rights | Affected populations |
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| <p>Positive</p> <p>Lockdown has contributed to reducing the spread of Covid-19, ensuring the NHS was not impacted to an intolerable level and ensured lives were saved.</p> <p>Many new informal partnerships have formed in communities with information sharing on social media platforms evidencing increased ‘neighbourly’ support activities, connections and increased volunteering</p> <p>Negative</p> <p>People have been impacted negatively by not having access to services they rely on.</p> <p>More impact on the more vulnerable service users who form majority of centre users</p> <p>Social isolation and negative impact on mental health and wellbeing of all ages of service users</p> | <p>Service users Staff</p> <p>Older people, Young people Disabled people Minority Ethnic People Refugees and Asylum seekers LGBT People in areas of deprivation People in financial deprivation (low income, in receipt of benefits, pensions) People with low literacy/ numeracy Vulnerable Families Staff vulnerable to falling into poverty Staff with protected characteristics</p> |

| Environment and Sustainability including climate change emissions and impacts | Affected populations |
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| <p>Positive</p> <p>The closure of buildings through lockdown means that there is a subsequent decrease in carbon emissions</p> <p>Negative</p> <p>None</p> | |
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| <p>Economic including socio-economic disadvantage</p> <p>Positive None</p> <p>Negative Loss of Revenue for the Council (Adult Education programme in centres) and Registered Charities</p> <p>Increased challenge for those with fewer literacy/numeracy skills to access employment opportunities.</p> <p>Increasing food and fuel poverty for those spending more time in their home.</p> <p>Loss of support for 16+ school leavers with reduced access to training and employability skills support</p> | <p>Affected populations</p> <p>Community Centre Management Committees.</p> <p>Adults with literacy and numeracy needs.</p> <p>People experiencing poverty including older people.</p> <p>Young people leaving school with no positive destination</p> |
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8. Is any part of this policy/ service to be carried out wholly or partly by contractors and if so how will equality, human right, including socio-economic disadvantage, environmental and sustainability issues be addressed? N/A

9. Describe how you will communicate information about this policy/ service change to children and young people and those affected by sensory impairment, speech impairment, low level literacy or numeracy, learning difficulties or English as a second language? N/A

10. Is the policy likely to result in significant environmental effects, either positive or negative? If yes, it is likely that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) will be required and the impacts identified in the IIA should be included in this.

- 11. What, if any, actions are recommended in response to the impacts identified above?** This can include keeping the proposal under review, gathering more data, or specific actions to mitigate identified impacts.

| Specific actions (as a result of the IIA which may include responding to financial implications, mitigating negative impacts, action to manage the risk of cumulative impacts) | Who will take them forward (name and job title) | Deadline for progressing | Review date |
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| Proposal will be reviewed in light of any relaxation of measures outlined and implemented by Scottish Government and interpreted by the Council to allow buildings to reopen partially or fully. | Council Leadership Team | December 2020 | October 2020 |
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- 12. Are there any negative impacts in section 7 for which there are no identified mitigating actions?** There are negative impacts as we are unable to provide services in community centres due to Covid-19 lockdown. However, staff have moved services on-line, increased telephone support wherever possible and the Voluntary Sector have acted similarly. There is evidence of local communities making new connections and offers of support to others in need.

- 13. How will you monitor how this proposal affects different groups, including people with protected characteristics?**

Where possible, ongoing digital engagement by staff who know their client groups and the impacts. There is a constraint as there is digital inequality both in terms of staff (access to IT and GDPR/IT security approved platforms) and service users (access to IT and level of digital skills).

- 14. Sign off by Head of Service**

Name: Andy Gray

Date: 28 May 2020

- 15. Publication**

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