

Section 4 Integrated Impact Assessment

Summary Report Template

Each of the numbered sections below must be completed

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| Interim report | <input type="checkbox"/> | Final report | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | (Tick as appropriate) |
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- 1. Title of proposal**
Procurement of Furniture Removal and Storage service for Temporary Accommodation.
- 2. What will change as a result of this proposal?**
There is no material change from the existing contract. All those with protected characteristics will continue to have equal access to Temporary Accommodation.
- 3. Briefly describe public involvement in this proposal to date and planned**
None.
- 4. Is the proposal considered strategic under the Fairer Scotland Duty?**
No.
- 5. Date of IIA**
01 June 2021
- 6. Who was present at the IIA? Identify facilitator, Lead Officer, report writer and any partnership representative present and main stakeholder (e.g. NHS, Council)**

| Name | Job Title | Date of IIA training |
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| Brian Stewart (Facilitator) | Temporary Accommodation Service Manager | |
| Alison Kennedy (Report Writer) | Temporary Accommodation Team Leader | |
| Marcin Karp | Housing Supervisor | |
| Graham Clark | Housing Supervisor | |

7. Evidence available at the time of the IIA

| Evidence | Available – detail source | Comments: what does the evidence tell you with regard to different groups who may be affected? |
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| Data on populations in need | Y | The current evidence and data on homelessness in Scotland highlights how certain protected characteristic groups are more at risk of homelessness than others - The Council does not profile people using homelessness services therefore the Furniture Removal and Storage service is available to all whether a person possesses a protected characteristic or not. |
| Data on service uptake/access | Y | There is CEC internal data e.g. Northgate, financial spending reports, etc. that will show uptake/access, however this data is not drilled down into specific protected characteristics as the service is available to all whether a person possesses a protected characteristic or not. |
| Data on socio-economic disadvantage e.g. low income, low wealth, material deprivation, area deprivation. | Y | The current literature and evidence on homelessness in Scotland points to people experiencing homelessness having greater experience of socio-economic disadvantage, low income, low wealth, material deprivation and area deprivation in general. There is also evidence that those with protected characteristics experience further socio-economic disadvantage than the general homeless cohort. This is a non-discriminatory service provided to all people experiencing homelessness by the Council regardless of protected characteristics. |
| Data on equality outcomes | N | The Council does not profile people using homelessness services. The service is provided to support all people experiencing homelessness whether a person possesses a protected characteristic or not. |
| Research/literature evidence | Y | Research gathered from HARSAG, Streetwork, CEC RRTP, Heriot Watt University, Homeless Network Scotland, Scottish Government, etc. |

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| Public/patient/client experience information | Y | There is evidence published by the Care Inspectorate, Shelter, Crisis, Herriot Watt University, etc. which details service user feedback in regards to their experiences of using the Council's homelessness services however, Furniture Removal and Storage service for Temporary Accommodation is provided to all people experiencing homelessness regardless of whether they have a protected characteristic or not. |
| Evidence of inclusive engagement of people who use the service and involvement findings | N | N/A |
| Evidence of unmet need | Y | The Council homelessness services are provided to those in direct need and not constrained therefore all those in need will be provided with the service including whether they have a protected characteristic or not. |
| Good practice guidelines | Y | The Council Homelessness services operate under good practice guidelines such as the Scottish Government – Ending Homelessness Together Plan, HARSAG recommendations and the Codes of Guidance on Homelessness. |
| Carbon emissions generated/reduced data | N | N/A |
| Environmental data | N | N/A |
| Risk from cumulative impacts | N | N/A |
| Other (please specify) | N | N/A |
| Additional evidence required | N | N/A |

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

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| <p>Equality, Health and Wellbeing and Human Rights</p> <p>Positive By procuring a Furniture Removal and Storage service for the Temporary Accommodation Service, the Council will protect existing and future homeless households' belongings and store them until the statutory duty owed by the Council is discharged and homeless households are able to have their belongings delivered to their new permanent tenancy.</p> <p>Temporary Accommodation is available to all homeless households who require temporary homeless accommodation.</p> <p>All those with protected characteristics will have equal access to Temporary Accommodation.</p> <p>Negative There would be no negative impact as services would continue to be open to all people with protected characteristics.</p> | <p>Affected populations</p> <p>All people who have been assessed as homeless</p> |
| <p>Environment and Sustainability including climate change emissions and impacts</p> <p>Positive N/A</p> <p>Negative N/A</p> | <p>Affected populations</p> |
| <p>Economic including socio-economic disadvantage</p> <p>Positive The procurement of a Furniture Removal and Storage service for the Temporary Accommodation Service will advance the equality of opportunity by providing a service that will protect homeless households' belongings until such times as they are allocated a permanent tenancy.</p> <p>By procuring a Furniture Removal and Storage service for the Temporary Accommodation Service, we are ensuring equality of opportunity by minimising disadvantage and disruption for homeless households.</p> | <p>Affected populations</p> <p>All people who have been assessed as homeless</p> |

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

This service will be provided wholly by contractors upon instruction from the Council, therefore, the Council will have full control of providing the service to all people experiencing homelessness regardless of whether they possess a protected characteristic or not.

10. Consider 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? Please provide a summary of the communications plan.

The service is not suitable for children or young people, the Council will use a variety of methods to communicate depending on need i.e. using interpretation services where English is not an individual’s first language, phone contact where there is low level literacy, etc.

11. 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.

No.

12. Additional Information and Evidence Required

No.

13. Specific to this IIA only, what recommended actions have been, or will be, undertaken and by when? (these should be drawn from 7 – 11 above) Please complete:

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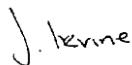
14. Are there any negative impacts in section 8 for which there are no identified mitigating actions?

N/A.

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

The service is demand led and non-discriminatory therefore access is unrestricted, as such, CEC do not drill down data into protected characteristics.

16. Sign off by Head of Service



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Date 11/06/21

17. Publication

Completed and signed IIAs should be sent to strategyandbusinessplanning@edinburgh.gov.uk to be published on the IIA directory on the Council website www.edinburgh.gov.uk/impactassessments