# **Integrated Impact Assessment**



The Integrated Impact Assessment (IAA) supersedes the previous Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA) form.

**Note:** This form should be completed using the guidance contained in the document: 'Guide to Completing an Integrated Impact Assessment'.

#### 1. Essential Information

#### 1.1 Purpose

Aberdeen City Council wants Aberdeen to be a place where all people can prosper. We want everyone in Aberdeen to have fair opportunities regardless of their background and circumstances. The aim of this assessment is to allow you to critically assess:

- the impact a proposal will have on different communities.
- whether Aberdeen City Council is meeting its legal requirements in terms of <u>Public Sector Equality Duty</u>, <u>Equality Outcomes</u> and <u>Human Rights</u>;
- whether Children's Rights have been impacted;
- whether <u>Socio-economic disadvantage</u> is reduced;
- whether any measures need to be put in place to ensure any negative impacts are eliminated or minimised.

#### 1.2 Background / Essential Information

| Title* Name your business case, policy, strategy or proposal (including budget proposals) | 2122049 - Discretionary school transport - Music Centre |
|---|---|
| Function*   | Operations  |
| Cluster*  | Operations & Protective Services                        |

| Date of assessment* | 18/01/21  |
|---------------------|---|
| Date of committee   | 02/03/21 (Budget)                                   |
| Lead Officer 1*     | Chris Cormack (PTU Team Leader)                     |
| Lead Officer 2      | Andy Campbell (Facilities & Transportation Manager) |
| Chief Officer*      | Mark Reilly (Chief Officer Operations)              |

| Brief description of proposal (including intended outcomes and purposes) * | The aim of this proposal is to remove non-statutory school transport, so that the authority is only providing transport that is legally required. This would balance the budget for school transport, which is currently expecting a significant overspend. This transport is for an extra-curricular activity, which is not provided in any other circumstances.  As of August 2019, parents/carers were required to pay for this transport provision, but this does not cover the cost of the provision. |
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| State who is, or may be affected by this proposal and how*                 | Primary and Secondary aged school children from across the City of Aberdeen attending the Music Centre, located at Northfield Academy, who would lose the provision of transport to/from school, which is currently provided.  |

# 2. Human Rights

#### **Human Rights**

Does the proposal have an impact on <u>Human Rights</u>? Select all that apply, then record relevant impacts.

|   | Positive impact | Negative impact | Neutral impact |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Article 6 Right to a fair and public hearing                                    | N/A             | N/A             | Yes            |
| Article 7 No punishment without law   | N/A             | N/A             | Yes            |
| Article 8 Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence | N/A             | N/A             | Yes            |
| Article 9 Freedom of thought, conscience and religion                           | N/A             | N/A             | Yes            |
| Article 10 Freedom of expression  | N/A             | N/A             | Yes            |

| Article 11 Freedom of assembly and association       | N/A | N/A  | Yes |
|--|-----|--|-----|
| Article 12 Right to marry and to found a family      | N/A | N/A  | Yes |
| Article 14 Right not to be subject to discrimination | N/A | N/A  | Yes |
| Article 1 of Protocol 1 Protection of property       | N/A | N/A  | Yes |
| Article 2 of Protocol 1 Right to education           | No  | Yes  The provision of the transport has been key in enabling children to access music education, removal of transport may impact on the ability of children to attend. | No  |
| Article 3 of Protocol 1 Right to free elections      | N/A | N/A  | Yes |

#### For each negative impact identified above, please state your mitigating actions below

Options for in-school/remote teaching?

Proposals from the Scottish Government to provide free bus travel for all under 19's, commencing in 2021, would provide provision for children to travel on public bus services to access education.

#### 3. Children's Rights

The United Nations Convention has 54 articles that cover all aspects of a child's life and set out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights that all children everywhere are entitled to. It also explains how adults and governments must work together to make sure all children can enjoy all their rights.

Children's rights apply to every child/young person under the age of 18 and to adults still eligible to receive a "children's service" (e.g. care leavers aged 18 – 25 years old).

Identify all Articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Optional Protocols which are relevant to your proposal.

|                             | Positive impact | Negative impact | Neutral impact |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Article 1                   | N/A             | N/A             | Yes            |
| definition of the child     |                 |                 |                |
| Article 2                   | N/A             | N/A             | Yes            |
| non-discrimination          |                 |                 |                |
| Article 3                   | N/A             | N/A             | Yes            |
| best interests of the child |                 |                 |                |

| Article 4 implementation of the convention                    | N/A | N/A   | Yes |
|---|-----|---|-----|
| Article 5 parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities | N/A | N/A   | Yes |
| Article 6 life, survival and development                      | No  | The provision of the transport has been key in enabling children to access music education, removal of transport may impact on the ability of children to attend. | No  |
| Article 7 birth registration, name, nationality, care         | N/A | N/A   | Yes |
| Article 8 protection and preservation of identity             | N/A | N/A   | Yes |
| Article 9 separation from parents                             | N/A | N/A   | Yes |

| Article 10 family reunification                    | N/A | N/A | Yes |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Article 11 abduction and non-return of children    | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 12 respect for the views of the child      | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 13 freedom of expression                   | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 14 freedom of thought, belief and religion | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 15 freedom of association                  | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 16 right to privacy                        | N/A | N/A | Yes |

| Article 17 access to information from the media           | N/A | N/A | Yes |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Article 18 parental responsibilities and state assistance | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 19 protection from violence, abuse and neglect    | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 20 children unable to live with their family      | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 21 adoption                                       | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 22 refugee children                               | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 23 children with a disability                     | N/A | N/A | Yes |

| Article 24 health and health services  | N/A | N/A   | Yes |
|--|-----|---|-----|
| Article 25 review of treatment in care | N/A | N/A   | Yes |
| Article 26 social security             | N/A | N/A   | Yes |
| Article 27 adequate standard of living | N/A | N/A   | Yes |
| Article 28 right to education          | No  | The provision of the transport has been key in enabling children to access music education, removal of transport may impact on the ability of children to attend. | No  |
| Article 29 goals of education          | N/A | N/A   | Yes |
| Article 30                             | N/A | N/A   | Yes |

| children from minority or indigenous groups |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Article 31 leisure, play and culture        | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 32 child labour                     | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 33<br>drug abuse                    | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 34 sexual exploitation              | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 35 abduction, sale and trafficking  | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 36 other forms of exploitation      | N/A | N/A | Yes |
| Article 37 inhumane treatment and detention | N/A | N/A | Yes |

| Article 38 war and armed conflicts                | N/A | N/A | Yes |  |
|---|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Article 39 recovery from trauma and reintegration | N/A | N/A | Yes |  |
| Article 40 juvenile justice                       | N/A | N/A | Yes |  |
| Article 41 respect for higher national standards  | N/A | N/A | Yes |  |
| Article 42 knowledge of rights                    | N/A | N/A | Yes |  |
| Optional Protocol on a Communications Procedure   | N/A | N/A | Yes |  |

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# 4. Protected Characteristics

Aberdeen City Council wants to ensure everyone is treated fairly. Explain what the positive and/or negative impacts of the proposal are on the <u>protected characteristics</u>

|   | Positive impact | Negative impact   | Neutral impact |
|---|-----------------|---|----------------|
| Age   | N/A             | Yes   | N/A            |
| A person belonging to a particular age (for example 32-year olds) or range of ages (for example 18 to 30year olds). |                 | Demographic of users, children/young people. Negative impact on access to extra-curricular music Education, particularly for those who may have no other alternative or be able to afford fuel costs or public transport costs. |                |
| <b>Disability</b> people with disabilities / long standing conditions   | N/A             | Yes  Demographic of users, children/young people.  Negative impact on access to extra-curricular music  Education, particularly for those who may not be able to travel on public transport due to their disability.            | N/A            |

| Race (including Gypsy / Travellers) people from minority ethnic communities and different racial backgrounds | N/A | N/A | Yes   |
|--|-----|-----|---|
| Religion or belief people with different religion and belief to include those with no beliefs                | N/A | N/A | Yes   |
| Sex - Gender identity<br>men or women, boys and<br>girls   | N/A | N/A | Yes  This may impact men or women who are principal carers.   |
| Pregnancy and maternity women who are pregnant and / or on maternity leave                                   | N/A | N/A | Yes  This may impact any women who are pricipal carers and their ability to escort children to school |
| Sexual orientation<br>lesbian, gay, bisexual,<br>heterosexual / straight                                     | N/A | N/A | Yes   |

| Gender reassignment - Trans/Transgender anybody whose gender identity / expression is different to the sex assigned to them at birth | N/A | N/A | Yes |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Marriage and civil partnership people who are married or in a civil partnership  | N/A | N/A | Yes |

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# How does this proposal contribute to the <u>Public Sector Equality Duty</u> to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations?

The proposals will ensure transport policy is applied consistently across the City, ensuring fairness in provision by removing discretionary transport measures. This will however be to the disadvantage of existing users.

# How does this proposal contribute to the Council's **Equality Outcomes**?

This proposal does not link to the Council's Equality Outcomes.

# 5. Consultation

| <b>5.1 Consultation</b> Have you undertaken any of form of consultation with any of the affected groups?                               | <del>Yes</del> <b>No</b>                                |
|--|---|
| Describe the consultation processes/methods undertaken and the number of participants/respondents                                      | N/A   |
| What impact(s) has the consultation had upon your proposal?  | N/A   |
| <b>5.2 Evidence</b> List below the evidence that has been used in this assessme  | nt.   |
| Internal data: This can be from customer satisfaction surveys, equality monitoring data, customer complaints and cluster specific data | N/A   |
| Consultations with officers or partner organisations:  | Consultation with Education and Schools over proposals. |

| External data:                                     | N/A |
|--|-----|
| E.g. Available statistics, census or research data |     |
| Other (please state)                               | N/A |

## 6. Fairer Scotland Duty (Socio- economic disadvantage)

Will this proposal have an impact in the socio-economic inequalities? (For strategic proposals)

|   |          | Mitigation If a negative impact has been identified, what options have you considered to modify the proposal or mitigate the impact?   |
|---|----------|--|
| 6.1 Low income / income poverty - those who cannot afford regular bills, food, clothing payments. | Yes X No | Yes - Negative impact on access to extra curricular music Education, as without transport, children may have no other alternative or be able to afford fuel costs or public transport costs.  In school or online learning options available?  Proposals from the Scottish Government to provide free bus travel for all under 19's, commencing in 2021, would provide provision for children to |

| 6.2 Low and/or no wealth – those who can meet basic living costs but have no savings for unexpected spend or provision for the future   | Yes X | travel on public bus services to access education.  Yes - Negative impact on access to extra curricular music Education, as without transport, children may have no other alternative or be able to afford fuel costs or public transport costs.   |
|---|-------|--|
|   |       | In school or online learning options available?  Proposals from the Scottish Government to provide free bus travel for all under 19's, commencing in 2021, would provide provision for children to travel on public bus services to access education.  |
| 6.3 Material deprivation – those who cannot access basic goods and services, unable to repair/replace broken electrical goods, heat their homes or access to leisure or hobbies | Yes x | Yes - Negative impact on access to extra curricular music Education, as without transport, children may have no other alternative or be able to afford fuel costs or public transport costs.  In school or online learning options available?  Proposals from the Scottish Government to provide free bus travel for all under |

| 6.4 Area deprivation – consider where people live (rural areas) and where they work (accessibility of transport) | Yes | x | 19's,commencing in 2021, would provide provision for children to travel on public bus services to access education.  Yes - Negative impact on access to extra curricular music Education, as without transport, children may have no other alternative or be able to afford fuel costs or public transport costs.  In school or online learning options available?  Proposals from the Scottish Government to provide free bus travel for all under 19's,commencing in 2021, would provide provision for children to travel on public bus services to access |
|--|-----|---|--|
| 6.5<br>Socio-economic background – social class,   | Yes | Х | education.  Yes - this may have a negative impact on access to extra curricular  |
| parents' education, employment, income.  | No  |   | music Education, as without transport, children may have no other alternative or be able to afford fuel costs or public transport costs.   |
|  |     |   | In school or online learning options available?  |

|   |     |   | Proposals from the Scottish Government to provide free bus travel for all under  |
|---|-----|---|--|
|   |     |   | 19's,commencing in 2021, would provide provision for children to travel on public bus services to access education.  |
| 6.6 You might not be discriminating, but could your proposal offer a better advantage to those in need? | Yes | X | Yes – this may have a negative impact on access to extra curricular music Education, as without transport, children may have no other alternative or be able to afford fuel costs or public transport costs.  In school or online learning options available?  Proposals from the Scottish Government to provide free bus travel for all under |
|   |     |   | 19's,commencing in 2021, would provide provision for children to travel on public bus services to access education.  |

## 7. Approval

| Signed off by (Chief Officer): |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Date:                          |  |

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