

Argyll and Bute Council: Equality and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment

Section 1: About the proposal

Title of Proposal
Service Concession Flexibility

Intended outcome of proposal
Retrospective one-off gain, savings on revenue in the short to medium term with a longer repayment to reflect the asset life.

Description of proposal
Re-profile the debt repayment on the schools PPP contracts to better reflect the asset life rather than the contract period.

Business Outcome(s) / Corporate Outcome(s) to which the proposal contributes
Managing our finances prudently – We are efficient and cost effective.

Lead officer details:	
Name of lead officer	Kirsty Flanagan
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Department	Development & Infrastructure/Financial Services
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Sign off of EqSEIA	<i>Kirsty Flanagan</i>
Date of sign off	February 2023

Who will deliver the proposal?
Financial Services will administer the accounting adjustments required.

Section 2: Evidence used in the course of carrying out EqSEIA

Consultation / engagement
Consulted with the Council's Treasury Advisors, Link Group as well as Scottish Local Authority Directors of Finance.

Data
See Service Concessions report within the Budget Pack for the repayment detail.

Other information

Finance Circular 10/2022

Gaps in evidence

Section 3: Impact of proposal

Impact on service users:

	Negative	No impact	Positive	Don't know
Protected characteristics:				
Age		X		
Disability		X		
Ethnicity		X		
Sex		X		
Gender reassignment		X		
Marriage and Civil Partnership		X		
Pregnancy and Maternity		X		
Religion		X		
Sexual Orientation				
Fairer Scotland Duty:				
Mainland rural population		X		
Island populations		X		
Low income		X		
Low wealth		X		
Material deprivation		X		
Area deprivation		X		
Socio-economic background		X		
Communities of place		X		
Communities of interest		X		

If you have identified any impacts on service users, explain what these will be.

If any 'don't know's have been identified, at what point will impacts on these groups become identifiable?

Impact on service deliverers (including employees, volunteers etc):

	Negative	No impact	Positive	Don't know
Protected characteristics:		X		
Age		X		
Disability		X		
Ethnicity		X		
Sex		X		
Gender reassignment		X		
Marriage and Civil Partnership		X		

	Negative	No impact	Positive	Don't know
Pregnancy and Maternity		X		
Religion		X		
Sexual Orientation		X		
Fairer Scotland Duty:				
Mainland rural population		X		
Island populations		X		
Low income		X		
Low wealth		X		
Material deprivation		X		
Area deprivation		X		
Socio-economic background		X		
Communities of place		X		
Communities of interest		X		

If you have identified any impacts on service deliverers, explain what these will be.

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How has 'due regard' been given to any negative impacts that have been identified?

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Section 4: Interdependencies

Is this proposal likely to have any knock-on effects for any other activities carried out by or on behalf of the council?

Yes

Details of knock-on effects identified

As the re-profiling of the debt will result in a one-off gain and a short to medium to revenue saving, this has an impact on other Council services as less savings will require to be met in the short to medium term which is positive for delivering existing Council services. The one-off retrospective gain is likely to be used for capital projects where there are significant financial challenges or for future Council investments. This could reduce the requirement to find additional financing sources for these purposes.

Section 5: Monitoring and review

How will you monitor and evaluate the equality impacts of your proposal?

No significant impacts that will require to be monitored.