



Service area	PLANNING SERVICES
Date of assessment	24 Feb 2011
Name of strategy/policy/function/service to be assessed	REDUCTION IN CAPITAL PROGRAMME
Is this a new or existing strategy/policy/function/service?	NEW STRATEGY
Name of manager responsible for strategy/policy/function/service	
Names of people conducting the assessment	
Step 1 – Description of strategy/policy/function/service	
Describe the aims; objectives and purpose of the strategy/policy/function/ service (include how it fits in to wider aims or strategic objectives).	<p>In order to make budget savings relating to the expenditure of the District Council, there are proposed reductions to the capital programme by removing various transportation related schemes. The schemes affected are the Market Town Transport Strategies, Safe Cycle Routes, Local Transport Plan Bid, Bus Shelter Provision & Railway Station Improvements</p> <p>These budget headings have provided in the past to provide partnership funding to a range of schemes and maximise scheme delivery on the ground. The main partner has been the County Council in their role as local highway authority. Schemes have included cycling and walking improvements, public transport related initiatives inc. information and bus shelter provision as well as local rural initiatives such as lay-by and parking provision, particularly in partnership with Parish Council's. The overall impact will be evenly spread across the community and users of these particular facilities and it is not considered that older people, children</p>



	or those with disabilities would be prejudiced more adversely than any other section of the community.
Are there any (existing) equality objectives of the strategy/policy or function/ service	There are no existing equality objectives but some of the outcomes from a reduction in the capital schemes may have a greater impact to certain groups i.e. those who use public transport and those who cycle and walk to a greater degree.
Who is intended to benefit from the strategy/policy/function/ service and in what way?	The strategy to reduce costs is a requirement of the overall agreed budget reduction.
What are the intended outcomes of this strategy/policy/function/ service?	As above
Step 2 – Data	
What baseline quantitative data (statistics) do you have about the strategy/policy/function/service relating to equalities groups (e.g. monitoring data on proportions of service users compared to proportions in the population), relevant to this policy?	No base line data exists, however see appendix B of the document below for data relating to the characteristics of Huntingdonshire population. http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/HDCCMS/Documents/Equality/Huntingdonshire%20District%20Council%20Single%20Equality%20Scheme.pdf
What qualitative data (opinions etc) do you have on different groups (e.g. comments from previous consumer satisfaction surveys/consultation, feedback exercises, or evidence from other authorities undertaking similar work), relevant to this strategy/policy/function/service?	Schemes such as those emerging from Market Town Transport strategies and Safe Cycle Routes are subject to formal public consultation that takes into account the views expressed as part of that process and are woven into the overall scheme project as delivered, where feasible.
The Equality Act 2010 requires us to consider the impact of our services on the protected characteristics of; Age, Disability, Gender, (including Gender Reassignment), Disability, Marriage /Civil Partnership, Sexual Orientation and Religion and Belief.	



<p>Are there concerns that the strategy/policy/function/service could have a differential impact on different racial groups; this refers to a group of people defined by their race, colour, and nationality (including citizenship) ethnic or national origins. Gypsy/Travellers are distinct group within this category.</p> <p>What evidence do you have for your answer?</p>	<p>No adverse impact identified</p>
<p>Are there concerns that the strategy/policy/function/service could have a differential impact on gender, including transgender people?</p> <p>What evidence do you have for your answer?</p>	<p>No adverse impact identified</p>
<p>Are there concerns that the strategy/policy/function/service could have a differential impact in terms of marriage and civil partnership</p>	<p>No adverse impact identified</p>
<p>Are there concerns that the strategy/policy/function/service could have a differential impact in terms of pregnancy and maternity (e.g. pregnant or breast feeding women)</p>	<p>No adverse impact identified</p>
<p>Are there concerns that the strategy/policy/function/service could have a differential impact on disabled people?</p> <p>What evidence do you have for your answer?</p>	<p>No adverse impact identified</p>
<p>Are there concerns that the strategy/policy/function/service could have a differential impact on lesbian, gay man, bisexual or heterosexual (straight) people?</p> <p>What evidence do you have for your answer?</p>	<p>No adverse impact identified</p>



<p>Are there concerns that the strategy/policy/function/service could have a differential impact on younger or older people? What evidence do you have for your answer?</p>	<p>While there is anecdotal evidence that younger people have less transport choices than older people and may cycle and walk or use public transport to a greater degree, it is not considered that the impact of the reduction in the overall budget and scheme delivery will have a measurable adverse impact or affect their ability to continue to travel by these modes.</p>
<p>Are there concerns that the strategy/policy/function/service could have a differential impact on grounds of religion or belief? What evidence do you have for your answer?</p>	<p>No adverse impact identified</p>
<p>Are there concerns that the strategy/policy/function/service could have a differential impact in terms of specific characteristics of Huntingdonshire e.g. Rural isolation</p>	<p>The Council budget relating to rural transport support i.e. Community Transport services, has been protected from budget cuts and it is therefore been assessed that those living in rural areas will continue to receive the same level of financial support (and services, subject to those being continued by other partners), as in previous financial years thereby seeking to mitigate the effects of rural isolation.</p>

Action plan and timetable		
Identified outcome	Proposed action to reduce impact	Target/Timetable for completion of actions / responsibility
<p>Reduction in capital programme may have an impact on people with a disability, young</p>	<p>The Council will continue to maintain its work on Market Town Transport Strategies, Safe Cycle Routes, Local Transport Plan Bid, Bus Shelter Provision & Railway Station Improvements and to seek scheme delivery via a range of other funding sources such as S.106 and the Sustainable Transport Fund and</p>	<p>On going.</p>



people, older people or parents with young children and those who cycle and walk or use public transport as a primary mode of travel.	other options, possibly using our External Funding Officer.	
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