

Budget EqIA 6: Taxicard

This is an Equality Impact Assessment of the Taxicard saving in the budget. Under equality legislation, the Council has a legal duty to pay 'due regard' to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
- advance equality of opportunity between different groups; and
- foster good relations between different groups.

The duty to pay 'due regard' is required to be demonstrated in the decision making and the implementation process. Assessing the potential equality impact of proposed projects that are part of the programme is the means by which we show 'due regard'.

1. The Decision

Review of taxi card transport provision

2. Key Issues

This assessment will review the main changes in the policy.

2.1 How likely is it affect people with protected characteristics?

It is likely to adversely affect some people with mild mobility needs who are supported to attend access preventative projects.

2.2 Are there alternatives?

Yes. Public transport is becoming more accessible to all, with audio on buses, and the review of the membership of community transport will ensure more access.

2.3 Having considered the main areas of advice what may be lost?

The main attraction of the Taxicard is it can ensure a wider group of people can access preventive care. However this care is often to those with very moderate needs.

3. Recommendation

Elderly or disabled people, with mild mobility needs may be adversely impacted, by not being able to access preventative projects. However, alternatives means of transport (public and private) are increasing and access to these is broadening, therefore the potential impact may not be severe.