


## Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) SUMMARY (Publishing Form)

<b>Title of Policy/Function/Service:</b>	<b>Budget Proposal – Review of Passenger Transport Services through Community Partners (Dec '13)</b>	
<b>Directorate/Department: Head of Service:</b>	Robert Young, Head of Engineering & Infrastructure	
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<b>Names/ Job titles of Assessors</b>	Colin Douglas, Passenger Transport Manager. Jacqueline Whitelaw, Business Officer	
<b>Summary of Policy / Service /Function aims:</b>	<p>There is a need for greater integration and sharing of transport services between Council Departments, the NHS (including the Scottish Ambulance Service) and community transport organisation as recommended by Audit Scotland in their 2011 report.</p> <p>This review is currently underway with external transport consultancy specialists who are expected to report findings in January 2014.</p>	
<b>Strands Impacted:</b>  <b>Please note:</b> If you leave any box blank in this section you will have decided that your proposed service or function has no impact on that particular strand.	Age <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Race <input type="checkbox"/> Religion or Belief <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty/Social Exclusion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Summary of key issues arising and decisions made</b>	<p>The impact of the (Age, Disability, Health and Poverty) equality groups is considered to be either low or have no adverse impact.</p> <p>The provision of a model will be capable of delivering long-term sustainable community transport through a better coordinated and efficient local transport service. There will be more journey opportunities for clients ensuring access to services, shops etc</p> <p>Rural areas – there will be change to travel provision in some rural areas. However, at least a basic service will remain available for services required to enable residents to access shops and services.</p> <p>Any potential reductions in service will be mitigated by actions such as: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing residents with access to rural School Bus Services (morning and evenings on weekdays during term-time)</li> <li>• Social Car Scheme (SCS) – resident's with a registered disability or age related condition who are unable to use conventional buses will be eligible to use the SCS</li> <li>• Should requests be made for additional journeys at different times and days SBC will consider them.</li> </ul>	
<b>Summary of key recommendations</b>	This will be reviewed following ABWG decision on Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2013.	
<b>Agreed by Head of Service</b>	Name:  Rob Dickson	Date: 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2013