

# BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

W14

<b>Budget Cut Assessment Form</b> <b>SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS</b>	Ref No W14	Responsible AD	Responsible Finance Manager	Responsible HR Manager	Responsible Lawyer	Responsible EIA Officer
<p><b>Description of Proposal: Ceasing of the School Crossing Patrol (SCP) Service:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28 Locations across the Borough; all locations meet national criteria to provide a crossing service.</li> <li>Estimated circa 780,000 crossing movements per year safely facilitated by the patrollers.</li> <li>Roads crossed range from roads carrying 5000-6000 vehicle movements a day to roads which carries 23,000 vehicle movements a day.</li> <li>The service contributes to strategies to reduce the numbers of cars on the road network and at the school gate in the morning and afternoon traffic peaks, as part of the Council's traffic management duty.</li> <li>There are wider benefits for road safety, physical activity, mental wellbeing and air quality.</li> </ul> <p><b>Impacts</b></p> <p>The SCP service delivers against the Sustainable Community Strategy SCS; One Darlington; Perfectly Placed, in particular SAFER, GREENER and HEALTHIER enabling both Children and vulnerable people to cross the road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perception of safety and actual risk for more vulnerable children without life skills would increase risk.</li> <li>Increased congestion on distributor roads and around schools with more parents choosing to drive children to school.</li> <li>Health: "Making the Case for Public Health Interventions" by the Kings Fund and LGA identifies that getting Children to Walk or Cycle to school offers the highest return in investment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decommissioning strategy required to manage risks of removing service ensuring parents know their responsibility for ensuring their Child's safety travelling to school.</li> <li>Given the previous reductions there is no further movement on the minimum level of service that is presently operated. Therefore, the decision to be considered is whether to cease the service completely.</li> <li>Other models of delivery have been previously explored and not legally feasible.</li> </ul>						
Human Resources Impacts		Asset Management Impacts	Decommissioning Costs		Cost Shunting	
No. of posts to be deleted	33	Detail any released buildings/building space Identify disposal or requisition issues	In addition to HR and Asset costs identify any others e.g. early contract termination costs		Is there any known or potential to increase costs elsewhere within Council budgets	
No. of potential redundancies	33	Removal of School Crossing Patrol Signs and Flashing Amber Lights at all sites. No budget to deliver this estimated decommissioning costs = £42k	Resources to deliver the Communication Strategy to ensure Parents are aware and make arrangements.			
Estimated Redundancy costs	£88,319		Would require considerable resource and effort to decommission the service. £42k to remove statutory signs and electrical connections for flashing amber lights (assuming present at all locations – assessment needed)			

	Financial Summary				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimated reduction to budget	60,000	122,000	123,000	125,000	126,000
Redundancy Costs	88,000	0	0	0	0
Asset Implication					
Decommissioning Costs	42,000	0	0	0	0
Known Cost Shunting					
Overheads	0	0	0	0	0
NET Budget Reduction	(70,000)	122,000	123,000	125,000	126,000

**IMPORTANT:**  
**NOTE THIS BUDGET CUT IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT SHOULD**  
**"INVESTING IN DARLINGTON'S FUTURE" PROPOSALS ARE AGREED**  
**FOLLOWING CONSULTATION SEE PARAGAPH 52 OF THE MAIN**  
**REPORT**

## Equality Impacts

Overview is EIA needed?			Protected Characteristics								
Put 'x' in relevant box if the proposal:		'x'	Comments, including any change across the options. Include the number of people affected, where known	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put 'x' in the box in the Impact column if there are positive (P) or negative (N) equality impacts. Leave box blank if there are no potential equality impacts</li> <li>Put L, M, H or ? in relevant column using following descriptions:            L = sustainable adjustment in daily routine            M = significant reorganisation or change            H = life changing or limiting impact on quality of life            ? = not known at this stage.</li> </ul>			Explain decision, level of impact and any change across the options		Yes	Brief Details	
Affects	Service users	x	780,000 crossings facilitated, primarily children and elderly adults		Impact	Level					
	Employees	x	33 posts deleted		P	N	L/M/H/?		Have Cumulative Impacts been identified?	x	Links to other potential ceasing of services, eg Child Pedestrian Training and Cycle Training and Local Motion School Initiatives
	The wider community	x	Residents around schools could be impacted if more parents choose to drive children to school. Potential for more congestion on road network.	Age		x	H	Increased risk of RTA that could be life changing	Have unlawful impacts been identified?		None identified at this stage
	Significantly affects how services are delivered?	x	Service would cease.	Race					Are there opportunities to advance equality?		
	Have a significant effect on partner organisations?	x	Potential on Health and Emergency Services if increased RTAs	Sex					Are there opportunities to foster good relations?		
	Affect services known to be important to particular protected groups?	x	Particularly Age – Young and Old and Impact on Disability where patrollers assist mobility impaired across roads.	Gender Reassignment					Have any other options been explored and discounted?	x	Volunteering – Not legally feasible. Capital investment – Signalised crossings.
	Affect different protected groups in different ways?	x		Disability		x	H	Increased risk of RTA that could be life changing			
	Relate to service areas with known inequalities	x		Religion or Belief							
				Sexual Orientation							
				Pregnancy or Maternity							
				Marriage/Civil Partnership							

MTFP – 2016/17 – Equality Screenings. This screening tool is to gather information on potential equality impacts to inform decision making. It is not an equality impact assessment. EIA will be done at a later stage where appropriate. All proposals must have an equality screen document. Decision makers must have equality screening information before any decision is taken. DBC is at risk of legal challenge if decision makers do not have this information.