

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

Section 1: About the proposal

Title of Proposal

Removal of School Crossing Patrollers from Argyll and Bute Council
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Intended outcome of proposal

We have engaged with all relevant Parent Councils to consult with them around the proposal to seek volunteer school crossing wardens as well as carrying out GAP Analysis and thereafter full surveys on the crossings identified as being busy enough to possibly require a crossing point. Where this has been carried out and a crossing point is not required we will remove the school crossing patrol locations should there be no take up from external volunteers.
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The summary of responses are listed below in Data:
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Description of proposal

Currently Argyll and Bute Council have 28 School Crossing locations with 8 posts vacant (details in Appendix 1). This is a non-statutory service which costs in excess of £150,000. In order to provide best value for the community and limit spending in line with budget reductions, Roads and Infrastructure Services will carry out engagement with Parent Council and the community councils for the relevant schools to establish if volunteers are able to take on the school crossing role. This will be supported by training and Day to day management.
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Further to this we will carry out a GAP analysis survey on 20 of the 28 crossing points (at present there are 8 vacant post locations which have been vacant for over 1 year) to establish whether a crossing point is considered necessary at each location. Should the GAPs analysis identify concerns to local officers, additional surveys will be carried out to assess what, if any, improvements are required, (eg introducing a crossing point). This will then be costed against proposed savings from the removal of school crossing patrols.

The island school crossing on the Isle of Bute, will be assessed in line with the other crossings to ensure no detriment to the island community.

Business Outcome(s) / Corporate Outcome(s) to which

	Negative	No impact	Positive	Don't know
Sexual Orientation		X		
Fairer Scotland Duty:				
Mainland rural population	X			
Island populations				

Is this proposal likely to have any knock-on effects for any other activities carried out by or on behalf of the council?	Yes
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Details of knock-on effects identified
There is the possibility of extra engineering works to be carried out if we identify a crossing service which requires traffic management engineering to introduce a physical method of slowing down vehicles at or near a school such as signs or speed bumps. Further impact may be required to monitor speed in and around schools where we identify inappropriate speeds

Section 5: Monitoring and review

How will you monitor and evaluate the equality impacts of your proposal?
Regular monitoring of complaints or issues raised by schools and local communities. Further analysis of crash statistics will be monitored in and around the locations.

Appendix 1 – School Crossing Patroller Locations

School Crossing Patroller Location		No. of staff per location
1	A885 Argyll Street near to McArthur Street, Dunoon	Vacant 0
2	Hillfoot Street, near to Milton Avenue, Dunoon	1
3	Dixon Avenue, near to Park Avenue, Kirn	1
4	A815 / Old Road and Service Road to Succoth Forest View	Vacant 0
5	Ministers Brae at High Street, Rothesay	1
6	Ralston Road, Campbeltown	1
7	Millknowe, Campbeltown	Vacant 0
8	High Street Entrance to School, Campbeltown	1
9	Lennox Street, Port Ellen, Islay	Vacant 0
10	Taynuilt Village & A85 at Taynuilt	1

