

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCE COMMITTEE – 5 MARCH 2020

REPORT ON: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE - CHANGES TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLLERS

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE

REPORT NO: 106-2020

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform committee of the savings proposed for financial year 2020/21 regarding the School Crossing Patrol Service (SCP).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that

- i. the SCP Service operates strictly to Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) criteria for SCP points both at school start/end and lunchtime crossings and that any points that do not meet this criteria are removed from August 2020.
- ii. Tayside Contracts will look to effectively manage the reduction between August 2020 to March 2021 through vacancy management redeployment.
- iii. the previous decommissioning procedure, Article III of the minute of the meeting of the Education Committee on 28 March 2016 (Report No 121-2016 refers should no longer apply).
- iv. SCP points which do not meet the ROSPA criteria in the future are removed following two consecutive assessments by Tayside Contracts over a period of a term. If the criteria has not been met over both these assessments, a letter would be issued to all stakeholders informing them the point will be removed. Where it is found that a new potential crossing point meets the ROSPA criteria then this point, if sustained over 2 consecutive terms, would receive an SCP service.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The implementation of the following proposal, based on the initial audit of SCP points (see Appendix 1) would result in a full year saving of £77,000 once fully implemented. It is anticipated that this saving will not be realised until August 2021.

3.2 If the saving is achieved by August 2021 then the part year saving would amount to £48,000 in financial year 2021/22 and £77,000 in a full year.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 There is an imperative to identify and achieve significant savings in financial year 2020/21.

4.2 The School Crossing Patrol service was reviewed in March 2016 whereby Education Committee approved the adoption of 50% of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) and Road Safety GB guidelines for managing the School Crossing Patrol Service (SCP). (Report 121-2016 refers). It is proposed that the council now reverts to 100% ROSPA criteria when deploying the SCP service and the previous decommissioning procedure (Report 121-2016 refers) should now no longer apply.

- 4.3 Tayside Contracts have carried out a recent survey and have identified that during the lunchtime service in most primary schools the criteria is not met, although the criteria is met in the morning and afternoon service. In some primary schools the school crossing patroller does not cross any children at all at lunchtime. This has become more widespread now following the introduction of the universal free school meals for Primary 1-3 which was introduced in January 2015 and is now established. As well as this there has been an overall increase in the numbers of children and young people who are entitled to free school meals in Dundee.
- 4.4 The School Parking and Pupil Safety working group agreed to start the process of decommissioning the lunchtime service where the SCP point did not meet the 50% ROSPA criteria. Children and Families service are currently in the process of consulting the final phase of decommissioning the last of the lunchtime points that do not meet 50% ROSPA criteria.
- 4.5 Appendix 1 details those schools who would not meet the 100% ROSPA criteria. This survey was carried out by Tayside Contracts between April and September 2019. It is proposed that, if the proposal is agreed the points which do not meet the ROSPA 100% criteria would be removed entirely from August 2020. These points would not be subject to the decommissioning process.
- 4.6 The proposal is that the saving may take up to August 2021 to be achieved, Tayside Contracts have indicated, for existing school crossing patrollers, there may be opportunities for staff to be redeployed into vacant posts or be offered VER where appropriate. If there is still excess staff remaining after this process then Tayside Contracts will reduce these posts through their normal workforce management procedures.
- 4.7 If this proposal is approved Children and Families Officers along with Tayside Contracts and staff from City Development will be working with schools where SCPs have been removed to ensure that School Travel Plans are updated during 2020/21 and parents supported to utilise 'walking buses' and other forms of self-help support to children's journeys to school.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impact on equality and diversity, fairness, poverty, environment and corporate risk. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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School Crossing Patrol points which would not meet the full ROSPA criteria.

Ardler Primary School
Birkdale Place at Scotsraig grove
Craigowl Primary School
Laird Street - St Clement Place
Laird Street at Pupil Entrance
Downfield Primary School
Haldane Crescent (School Gate)
Haldane Street - Strathmartine Road
Derwent Avenue - Kirkton Crescent
Gilburn Road at Strathmartine Rd junction
Sidlaw View Primary School
Strathmartine Road at Laird Street
St Paul's RC Academy
Gilburn Road – Ambleside Avenue – East
Balumbie Primary School
Lothian Crescent East – Haddington Crescent
Berwick Drive – The Elms
Lothian Crescent West – Haddington Crescent
Fintry Primary School
Fintry Road – Finavon Terrace 2
Fintry Road – Findcastle Place 3
Rowantree Primary School
Glenconner Drive at School Gate
North East Campus
Longhaugh Road at drop off point
Findowrie Street at Longhaugh Road
Fintry Terrace
Finlaggan Cres at Longhaugh Road
Fountainbleau Drive at Pitkerro Road
St Pius RC Primary School

Balunie Avenue – Balmerino Place

Ballindean Road – Balerno Street

Balunie Drive – Balunie Crescent

Barnhill Primary School

Strathmore Street – Abercromby Street

North Balmossie Street at Inchcape Road

Claypotts Castle Primary School

Balunie Avenue - Baluniefield Road

Eastern Primary School

Church St—Camperdown St

West End Campus

Glenagnes Road – Blackness Road

Milnbank Road at Milnbank Gdns

Morgan Cluster

Clepington Primary School

Court Street - Dundonald Street

Mains Loan at Disc entrance

Coldside Campus

Alexander Street at Nrth Wellington St

St John's RC High School

Gardiner Street - Kilberry Street

Loons Road at Glenesk Ave

Balgarthno Campus

Balgarthno Road

Buttars Road – Buttars Terrace

Dens Road Primary School

Arklay Street at Fairbairn Street

Ss Peter & Paul Primary School

Byron Street (East of Bruce Street)

Bruce Street

St Mary's RC Primary School

Burnside Street at St Marys Lane

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Document Title: Changes to the Deployment of School Crossing Patrollers

Document Type: Policy

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Period Covered: 18/08/2020 - 31/03/2021

Document Description:

To inform committee of the savings proposed for financial year 2020/21 regarding the School Crossing Patrol Service

Intended Outcome:

It is recommended that the SCP Service operates strictly to Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) criteria for SCP points both at school start/end and lunchtime crossings and that any points that do not meet this criteria are removed from August 2020. It also recommends that the previous decommissioning procedure should no longer apply.

How will the proposal be monitored?:

SCP points which do not meet the ROSPA criteria in the future will be removed following two consecutive assessments by Tayside Contracts over a period of a term. If the criteria has not been met over both these assessments, a letter would be issued to all stakeholders informing them the point will be removed.

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A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:

Age:	No Impact
Disability:	No Impact
Gender Reassignment:	No Impact
Marriage and Civil Partnership:	No Impact
Pregnancy and Maternity:	No Impact
Race/Ethnicity:	No Impact
Religion or Belief:	No Impact
Sex:	No Impact
Sexual Orientation:	No Impact

Equality and diversity Implications:

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children arrive at school safely.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

If this proposal is approved Children and Families Officers along with Tayside Contracts and staff from City Development will be working with schools where SCPs have been removed to ensure that School Travel Plans are updated during 2020/21 and parents supported to utilise 'walking buses' and other forms of self-help support to children's journeys to school

Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA? : No

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children arrive at school safely.

B. Fairness and Poverty Impacts:

Geography

Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton):	Not Known
Lochee(Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill):	Not Known
Coldside(Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside):	Not Known
Maryfield(Stobswell and City Centre):	Not Known
North East(Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains):	Not Known
East End(Mid Craige, Linlathen and Douglas):	Not Known
The Ferry:	Not Known
West End:	Not Known

Household Group

Lone Parent Families:	Not Known
Greater Number of children and/or Young Children:	Not Known
Pensioners - Single/Couple:	Not Known
Single female households with children:	Not Known
Unskilled workers or unemployed:	Not Known
Serious and enduring mental health problems:	Not Known
Homeless:	Not Known
Drug and/or alcohol problems:	Not Known
Offenders and Ex-offenders:	Not Known
Looked after children and care leavers:	Not Known
Carers:	Not Known

Significant Impact

Employment:	Not Known
Education and Skills:	Not Known
Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation:	Not Known
Childcare:	Not Known
Affordability and Accessibility of services:	Not Known

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C. Environmental Impacts

Climate Change

Mitigating greenhouse gases: Not Known
Adapting to the effects of climate change: Not Known

Resource Use

Energy efficiency and consumption: No Impact
Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling waste: No Impact
Sustainable Procurement: No Impact

Transport

Accessible transport provision: Not Known
Sustainable modes of transport: Not Known

Natural Environment

Air, land and water quality: Not Known
Biodiversity: Not Known
Open and green spaces: Not Known

Built Environment

Built Heritage: No Impact
Housing: No Impact

Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

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Environmental Implications:

There may be a negative impact on the environment as some parents may wish to use their car to transport their children to school if there is no school crossing patroller at certain junctions.

D. Corporate Risk Impacts

Corporate Risk Implications:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are 'business as normal' risks. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant loss. There is comfort that the risks inherent within the activity are either transferred to another party, shared equally and fairly between the Council and another party or are negligible.

Corporate Risk Mitigating Actions: