

Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)

Stage 1 Scoping and Assessing for Relevance

Section 1 Details of the Proposal

A. Title of Proposal:	Anti-Poverty Strategy - Cost of Living Support
B. What is it?	A new Policy/Strategy/Practice <input type="checkbox"/> A revised Policy/Strategy/Practice <input type="checkbox"/>
C. Description of the proposal: (Set out a clear understanding of the purpose of the proposal being developed or reviewed (what are the aims, objectives and intended outcomes, including the context within which it will operate))	This report will provide an update of spend in relation to the £1.2M of Council reserves which were released in August 2022 to provide enhanced support to the cost of living crisis.
D. Service Area: Department:	Resilient Communities
E. Lead Officer: (Name and job title)	Janice Robertson, Strategic Policy and Planning Manager
F. Other Officers/Partners involved: (List names, job titles and organisations)	Scottish Borders Council Members Reference Group, Multi-agency Cost of Living Strategic Group, Multi-agency Cost of Living Operational Group both of which include Scottish Borders Community Planning Partners
G. Date(s) IIA completed:	May 2023 June 2023

Section 2 Will there be any impacts as a result of the relationship between this proposal and other policies?

Yes / No (please delete as applicable) **YES**

If yes, - please state here:

The outcomes achieved using the Cost of Living Support Fund may influence future versions of both the Scottish Borders Anti-Poverty Strategy and the Community Plan.

Section 3 Legislative Requirements

3.1 Relevance to the Equality Duty:

Do you believe your proposal has any relevance under the Equality Act 2010? No – this report is an update of spend from Council reserves agreed 25 August 2022.

(If you believe that your proposal may have some relevance – however small please indicate yes. If there is no effect, please enter “No” and go to Section 3.2.)

Equality Duty	Reasoning:
A. Elimination of discrimination (both direct & indirect), victimisation and harassment. <i>(Will the proposal discriminate? Or help eliminate discrimination?)</i>	
B. Promotion of equality of opportunity? <i>(Will your proposal help or hinder the Council with this)</i>	
C. Foster good relations? <i>(Will your proposal help to foster or encourage good relations between those who have different equality characteristics?)</i>	

**3.2 Which groups of people do you think will be or potentially could be, impacted by the implementation of this proposal?
(You should consider employees, clients, customers / service users, and any other relevant groups)**

This report provides an update on spend of £1.2m reserves approved at Council on 25th August 2022

Please tick below as appropriate, outlining any potential impacts on the undernoted equality groups this proposal may have and how you know this.

	Impact			Please explain the potential impacts and how you know this
	No Impact	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	
Age Older or younger people or a specific age grouping		X		Funds from the £1.2m package have been dispersed across various partners and initiatives and all residents of the Scottish Borders could benefit as they are fully inclusive
Disability e.g. Effects on people with mental, physical, sensory impairment, learning disability, visible/invisible, progressive or recurring		X		Funds from the £1.2m package have been dispersed across various partners and initiatives and all residents of the Scottish Borders could benefit as they are fully inclusive
Gender Reassignment/ Gender Identity anybody whose gender identity or gender expression is different to the sex assigned to them at birth		X		Funds from the £1.2m package have been dispersed across various partners and initiatives and all residents of the Scottish Borders could benefit as they are fully inclusive
Marriage or Civil Partnership people who are married or in a civil partnership	X			Funds from the £1.2m package have been dispersed across various partners and initiatives and all residents of the Scottish Borders could benefit as they are fully inclusive
Pregnancy and Maternity (refers to the period after the birth, and is linked to maternity leave in the employment context. In the non-work context, protection against maternity discrimination is for 26 weeks after giving birth),		X		Funds from the £1.2m package have been dispersed across various partners and initiatives and all residents of the Scottish Borders could benefit as they are fully inclusive
Race Groups: including colour, nationality, ethnic origins, including minorities (e.g. gypsy		X		Funds from the £1.2m package have been dispersed across various partners and initiatives and all residents of the Scottish Borders could benefit as they are fully inclusive

travellers, refugees, migrants and asylum seekers)				
Religion or Belief: different beliefs, customs (including atheists and those with no aligned belief)		X		Funds from the £1.2m package have been dispersed across various partners and initiatives and all residents of the Scottish Borders could benefit as they are fully inclusive
Sex women and men (girls and boys)		X		Funds from the £1.2m package have been dispersed across various partners and initiatives and all residents of the Scottish Borders could benefit as they are fully inclusive
Sexual Orientation , e.g. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Heterosexual		X		Funds from the £1.2m package have been dispersed across various partners and initiatives and all residents of the Scottish Borders could benefit as they are fully inclusive
<p>3.3 Fairer Scotland Duty</p> <p>This duty places a legal responsibility on Scottish Borders Council (SBC) to actively consider (give due regard) to how we can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socioeconomic disadvantage when making <u>strategic</u> decisions.</p> <p>The duty is set at a strategic level - these are the key, high level decisions that SBC will take. This would normally include strategy documents, decisions about setting priorities, allocating resources and commissioning services.</p>				
<p>Is the proposal strategic? No – this report is an update of spend from Council reserves agreed at Council on 25 August 2022.</p> <p>Yes / No (<i>please delete as applicable</i>) If No go to Section 4</p>				
<p>If yes, please indicate any potential impact on the undernoted groups this proposal may have and how you know this:</p>				
	Impact			State here how you know this
	No Impact	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	
Low and/or No Wealth – enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no				

savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future.				
Material Deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure and hobbies				
Area Deprivation – where you live (e.g. rural areas), where you work (e.g. accessibility of transport)				
Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parents’ education, employment and income				
Looked after and accommodated children and young people				
Carers paid and unpaid including family members				
Homelessness				
Addictions and substance use				
Those involved within the criminal justice system				

3.4 Armed Forces Covenant Duty (*Education and Housing/ Homelessness proposals only*)

This duty places a legal responsibility on Scottish Borders Council (SBC) to actively consider (give due regard) to the three matters listed below in Education and Housing/ Homelessness matters.

This relates to current and former armed forces personnel (regular or reserve) and their families.

Is the Armed Forces Covenant Duty applicable?

NO

If “Yes”, please complete below

Covenant Duty	How this has been considered and any specific provision made:
The unique obligations of, and sacrifices made by, the armed forces;	
The principle that it is desirable to remove disadvantages arising for Service people from membership, or former membership, of the armed forces;	
The principle that special provision for Service people may be justified by the effects on such people of membership, or former membership, of the armed forces.	

Section 4 Full Integrated Impact Assessment Required

Select No if you have answered “No” to all of Sections 3.1 – 3.3.

No

If yes, please proceed to Stage 2 and complete a full Integrated Impact Assessment

If a full impact assessment is not required briefly explain why there are no effects and provide justification for the decision.

This report presents an update of spend in relation to the Anti-Poverty Strategy - Cost of Living Support Fund. The Anti-Poverty Strategy has already been in receipt of a full IIA when it was agreed by Council on 23 September 2021, and a report for Council on 29th June provides a full updated IIA for the Anti-Poverty Strategy Progress Report.

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Date:	June 2023
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Date:	June 2023