

Equalities Impact Assessment

An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process is being undertaken to apply relevant equalities duties throughout and identify likely equalities impacts arising from Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) preparation. This EqIA is being undertaken in tandem with the development of the emerging RTS to allow assessment findings to influence the content of the RTS as it develops.

The objectives of the EqIA are to integrate the consideration of relevant equalities issues and impacts into the development of the RTS from the outset and, in doing so, to demonstrate compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED), the Fairer Scotland Duty (FSD), and Child Rights and Wellbeing duties.

As a first stage a RTS Equalities Duties Assessment Framing Note has been prepared and will form the basis of an initial discussion exercise with stakeholders who have been identified initially as representing equalities interests within the SEStran area of relevance to the emerging RTS. Other relevant stakeholder groups and interested individuals will also be encouraged to engage.

Key Equalities Issues will be considered such as

- Travel Behaviour and Differential Requirements,
- Income, Wealth, and Affordability,
- Other Barriers to Transport (Accessibility, Hate Crime)

The RTS Equalities Duties Assessment Framing Note was published in March 2021 and is available to download.

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The RTS Case for Change : Equalities Duties Report was published in June 2021 and is available to download.

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