

INVERCLYDE COUNCIL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

Budget Savings Proposals

Essential Information
Name of Officer(s) completing this Template: Gail Macfarlane
Designation(s): Head of Service
Directorate/Service: Roads and Transportation
Date of Impact Assessment: 14/10/19
Name of Proposed Budget Saving ¹ : Increase income by increasing or introducing charges for a number of roads services

1. Does the proposed budget saving impact on:		
	Yes	No
a. Protected characteristics under The Equality Act 2010: Age; Disability; Gender Reassignment; Pregnancy and Maternity; Race; Religion and Belief; Sex; Sexual Orientation (see Section 3)	X	
b. Reducing inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage – Fairer Scotland Duty ² (see Section 6)	X	
c. Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2017/22 ³ (see Section 7)	X	
d. Corporate Plan 2018/22 ⁴ (see Section 8)	X	
2. If “yes” is selected for any part of Section 1, please populate the other relevant Sections of this Template.		

¹ Please attach the Budget Saving Proposal to this Template

² [Fairer Scotland Duty: interim guidance for public bodies](#)

³ [Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017/22](#)

⁴ [Corporate Plan 2018/22](#) (agenda item 5)

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If “no” is selected for **every part** of Section 1, **please sign below and email** a copy of this Template to Karen Barclay, Corporate Policy Officer:

karen.barclay@inverclyde.gov.uk.

Signature

Date

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3. Impact – Protected characteristics

Which of the protected characteristics will the proposed budget saving have an impact upon? (See guidance for examples of key considerations under each characteristic – this is on ICON.)

Equality Target Group	Positive impact +	Neutral impact =	Negative impact -
Age			People aged 18 and over.
Disability			
Gender Reassignment			
Pregnancy and maternity			
Race			
Religion and belief			
Sex			
Sexual orientation			
Other groups to consider			

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4. Which parts of the Equality Duty will the proposed budget saving impact on?	
X	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by The Equality Act 2010
X	Advance equality of opportunity between people of different groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster good relations between from different groups

5. Impact - groups	
From the information you have highlighted above, describe the positive and negative impacts and the groups affected under The Equality Act 2010.	
<p style="text-align: center;">Positive impacts + <i>(Describe groups affected.)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Negative impacts - <i>(Describe groups affected.)</i></p> <p>This budget saving proposal will potentially affect people aged 18 or over.</p>

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6. Impact – Fairer Scotland Duty

What impact will this budget saving proposal have on reducing inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage? *Please tick.*

Positive Impact +	Neutral Impact =	Negative Impact -
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Briefly describe how the budget saving proposal will impact on reducing inequalities of outcome.

Some people who have residents' parking permits may experience potential financial hardship or will feel unable to accept the service due to the introduction of a charge, as well as the increase in charges for other roads services.

The charge will be waived if the resident holds a Blue Badge as Blue Badge holders are exempt from parking restrictions.

7. Impact – LOIP 2017/22

Which Priority/Priorities from the LOIP 2017/22 will this budget saving proposal impact on?

<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Population: Inverclyde's population will be stable and sustainable with an appropriate balance of socio - economic groups that is conducive to local economic prosperity and longer term population growth
X	2. Inequalities: There will be low levels of poverty and deprivation and the gap between the richest and poorest members of our communities will be reduced (This may already have been highlighted during section 6)
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Environment, culture and heritage: Inverclyde's environment, culture and heritage will be protected and enhanced to create a better place for all Inverclyde residents and an attractive place in which to live, work and visit

Briefly describe how the budget saving proposal will impact on the LOIP Priority/Priorities.

Priority 1: The increase of the roads construction consent and road opening permits charges may impact on utility companies working within the area.

Priority 2: Some people who currently have residents' parking permits may

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experience potential financial hardship or will feel unable to accept the service due to the introduction of a charge, as well as the increase in charges for other roads services.

8. Impact – Corporate Plan 2018/22

Which Priority/Priorities from the Corporate Plan 2018/22 will this budget saving impact on?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. To promote Inverclyde, to both residents and visitors alike, as a great place to live, work and visit
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. To work collaboratively, to enable strong, connected and empowered communities, particularly in areas of deprivation, so that residents have influence and control over the things that matter to them
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. To grow the local economy in a way that creates opportunities for all our residents, including access to good quality jobs
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. To reduce the prevalence of poverty and in particular, child poverty in our communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. To safeguard, support and meet the needs of our most vulnerable families and residents
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. To improve the health and wellbeing of residents so that people live well, and for longer
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. To protect and enhance our natural and built environment
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. To preserve, nurture and promote Inverclyde’s unique culture and heritage
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. To deliver services that are responsive to community needs and are underpinned by a culture of innovation, continuous improvement and effective management of resources
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. To develop motivated, trained and qualified employees who deliver quality services that meet current and anticipated service needs

Briefly describe how the budget saving proposal will impact on the Corporate Plan Priority/Priorities.

Priorities 1 and 3:
The increase of the roads construction consent and road opening permits’ charges may impact on utility companies working within the area.

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The introduction of charges for residents' parking permits and the increase in driveway marking charges will affect residents.

9. Evidence

What evidence do you have to help identify any potential impacts of the proposed budget saving?

Note: Evidence could include consultations, surveys, focus groups, interviews, projects, user feedback, complaints, officer knowledge and experience, equalities monitoring data, publications, research, reports, local, national groups.

Evidence	Details
Consultation/Engagement	<p>Budget Consultation 2017: 49% of respondents supported the increase of parking charges by $\geq 10\%$.</p> <p>Budget Consultation 2018: 44% of respondents supported the increase of parking charges.</p> <p>Budget Consultation 2019: 42% of respondents supported the proposal of new and increased roads services charges.</p>
Research	Bench marking with other local authorities. The proposed charge is lower or equal to other similar local authorities.
Officer's knowledge and experience (including feedback from frontline staff)	
Equalities monitoring data	
User feedback (including complaints)	The increase in charges for roads services, as well as the introduction of charges for residents' parking permits, may not be acceptable to local

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	residents.
Stakeholders Other	Local business community. Developers. Utility companies.
Are there information gaps and, if so, what are these?	

10. Please use the space below to detail any other matters arising from the Equality Impact Assessment process, including what action could be taken to mitigate the impact of this Budget Saving Proposal.

Blue Badge holders will be exempt from the charge.

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	Date: 14/10/19
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	Position: Corporate Director – Environment, Regeneration and Resources
	Date: 7/2/2020

Thank you for your assistance with the completion of this task

Please send a copy of the completed Template to Karen Barclay, Corporate Policy Officer: karen.barclay@inverclyde.gov.uk.

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