

INVERCLYDE COUNCIL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

Budget Savings Proposals

Essential Information
Name of Officer(s) completing this Template: Gail Macfarlane
Designation(s): Shared Head of Service – Roads and Environmental Services
Directorate/Service: Roads and Environmental Services
Date of Impact Assessment: 10 November 2022
Name of Proposed Budget Saving ¹ : Car Parking Charging

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	

¹ Please attach the Budget Saving Proposal to this Template

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

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

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1. Does the proposed budget saving impact on:		
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.		

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		X	
Disability		X	
Gender Reassignment		X	
Marriage and civil partnership		X	
Pregnancy and maternity		X	
Race		X	
Religion and belief		X	
Sex		X	

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

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Sexual orientation			
Other groups to consider			X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre Users • Carers 		X	

4. Which parts of the Equality Duty will the proposed budget saving impact on?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by The Equality Act 2010
<input type="checkbox"/>	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>Positive impacts + <i>(Describe groups affected.)</i></p>	<p>Negative impacts - <i>(Describe groups affected.)</i></p> <p>Increase in charge for parking in the town centre car parks from £2 to £3/day may impact on low income workers requiring all day parking and town centre visitors who may choose to visit elsewhere.</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 -
		X

Briefly describe how the budget saving proposal will impact on reducing inequalities of outcome.

Those working within the town centre will be impacted by the increase in charge.

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
<input type="checkbox"/>	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
X	4. The local economy: Inverclyde has a thriving and diverse local economy, economic activity is increased and skills development enables both those in work and those furthest from the labour market to realise their full potential

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

Priority 4: The increase in charge may encourage visitors to shop elsewhere and it may be more difficult for businesses to recruit if the workforce are required to pay an increased daily charge.

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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
<p>Briefly describe how the budget saving proposal will impact on the Corporate Plan Priority/Priorities.</p> <p><u>Priorities 1 and 3</u>: Both town centres businesses, visitors and workforce may be impacted by the increase in daily parking charge.</p>	

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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	In the 2022 budget consultation, 44% of respondents supported this budget saving proposal.
Research	
Officer's knowledge and experience (including feedback from frontline staff)	The use of the Council's car parks has reduced following the reintroduction of charging within the car parks in October. It is not known yet whether this demand will return as working patterns have changed and town centre visitors and workforce may have found alternative parking locations that do not have a charge.
Equalities monitoring data	
User feedback (including complaints)	The Council have received complaints in relation car park charging.
Stakeholders Other	

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Are there information gaps and, if so, what are these?	
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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.

Consider with Business Permit budget saving proposal.

Details of the Person(s) who completed the Assessment:	Name: Gail Macfarlane
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	Date: 10 November 22
Authorised by:	Name: Stuart Jamieson
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	Date: 08 December 2022

Thank you for your assistance with the completion of this task.

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