

INVERCLYDE COUNCIL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

Budget Savings Proposals

Essential Information
Name of Officer(s) completing this Template: Gail Macfarlane
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Directorate/Service: Roads and Environmental Services
Date of Impact Assessment: 05 October 2022
Name of Proposed Budget Saving ¹ : Business Permit Parking Charges

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	
		x	

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

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

Positive impacts + <i>(Describe groups affected.)</i>	Negative impacts - <i>(Describe groups affected.)</i>
<p>Those working in town centre businesses will have a zone that they able to park without time restrictions.</p>	<p>The proposal is to introduce an annual charge for a business permit charge. This will impact those that work within the town centre that fulfil criteria for a permit but do not choose to take opportunity of the scheme potentially due to cost.</p> <p>This might disproportionately impact those working in the town centres who also have</p>

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	mobility issues if they do not wish or are unable to purchase a permit depending on where zones are sited and the available spaces.
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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.

Dependant on the location of the permit zone this may be an area of socio-economic disadvantage for those on low incomes.

It may impact on the available labour market for those on a low income.

7. Impact – LOIP 2017/22

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

X	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

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7. Impact – LOIP 2017/22

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

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

Priority 1: The requirement to pay for a business parking permit may make working in the area less attractive.

Priority 4: For some town centre businesses it may make it more attractive as they will have a zones area for parking with no time restrictions.

8. Impact – Corporate Plan 2018/22

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

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| X | 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 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 |

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<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.

Priority 1: The requirement to pay for a parking permit may make working in the area less attractive for those on low incomes but for some town centre businesses the ability to park within the vicinity of the town centre with no restrictions will be attractive.

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, 34% of respondents supported this budget saving proposal.
Research	Some other local authorities have already introduced business permits.
Officer’s knowledge and experience (including	The charging for the business parking permit will support the funding of the parking scheme.

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feedback from frontline staff)	
Equalities monitoring data	
User feedback (including complaints)	May be viewed positively by businesses.
Stakeholders Other	
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.

To be considered with Car Parking Charging Budget proposal.

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

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