

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

Budget Saving 25/26 Structural and Hard Landscape maintenance in Parks and Open Spaces

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1. Overview

This document has been generated from information entered into the Integrated Impact Assessment system.

Review Service Delivery. Potential to explore more in- house delivery if resource is available.

During screening 3 of 11 questions indicated that detailed assessments were required, the screening questions and their answers are listed in the next section. This led to 2 out of 5 detailed impact assessments being completed. The assessments required are:

- Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty
- Sustainability and Climate Change

In total there are 3 positive impacts as part of this activity. There are 6 negative impacts, of these negative impacts, 3 have been mitigated and 0 cannot be mitigated satisfactorily.

A detailed action plan with 1 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by ewan.wallace@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

The remainder of this document sets out the details of all completed impact assessments.

2. Screening

Could your activity / proposal / policy cause an impact in one (or more) of the identified town centres?	No
Would this activity / proposal / policy have consequences for the health and wellbeing of the population in the affected communities?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect greenhouse gas emissions (CO2e) in the Council or community and / or the procurement, use or disposal of physical resources?	Yes
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect the resilience to extreme weather events and/or a changing climate of Aberdeenshire Council or community?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect the environment, wildlife or biodiversity?	Yes
Does the activity / proposal / policy have an impact on people and / or groups with protected characteristics?	No
Is this activity / proposal / policy of strategic importance for the council?	No
Does this activity / proposal / policy impact on inequality of outcome?	No
Does this activity / proposal / policy have an impact on children / young people's rights?	No
Does this activity / proposal / policy have an impact on children / young people's wellbeing?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy relate to budget proposals?	Yes

3. Impact Assessments

Children's Rights and Wellbeing	Not Required
Climate Change and Sustainability	Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated
Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty	Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated
Health Inequalities	Not Required
Town Centre's First	Not Required

4. Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty Impact Assessment

4.1. Protected Groups

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Age (Younger)		Yes		
Age (Older)			Yes	
Disability			Yes	
Race		Yes		
Religion or Belief		Yes		
Sex		Yes		
Pregnancy and Maternity			Yes	
Sexual Orientation		Yes		
Gender Reassignment		Yes		
Marriage or Civil Partnership		Yes		

4.2. Socio-economic Groups

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Low income		Yes		
Low wealth		Yes		
Material deprivation		Yes		
Area deprivation		Yes		
Socioeconomic background		Yes		

4.3. Negative Impacts and Mitigations

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Age (Older)	<p>less maintained area may become inaccessible for anyone with mobility issues</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation close cemeteries or sections of cemeteries off from public access</p> <p>Timescale when we are made aware.</p>
Disability	<p>Less maintained areas may be less accessible for those with mobility issues</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation close cemeteries or sections of cemeteries off from public access</p> <p>Timescale when made aware</p>

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Pregnancy and Maternity	<p>Less maintained areas may be less accessible for those with mobility issues</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation close cemeteries or sections of cemeteries off from public access</p> <p>Timescale when made aware</p>

4.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Consultation	feedback	communities will require all reports of damage or decline of assets in their areas to be addressed promptly .	the management of decline of assets and hard landscape features with only the most urgent issues being addressed.

4.5. Engagement with affected groups

No formal engagement with groups or communities though this service has strong links with the communities it services

4.6. Ensuring engagement with protected groups

all users will be affected equally

4.7. Evidence of engagement

No engagement has been carried out.

4.8. Overall Outcome

Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

All but the most serious or urgent issues will be addressed immediately. Minor or less urgent tasks will wait until resources allow them to be tackled

Services have been instructed to only undertake essential spend and so all but urgent operations will be postponed

4.9. Improving Relations

Any reports of damage will be inspected and prioritised and groups will be updated as to the likelihood of an immediate fix or not

4.10. Opportunities of Equality

not applicable

5. Sustainability and Climate Change Impact Assessment

5.1. Emissions and Resources

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Consumption of energy	Yes			
Energy efficiency		Yes		
Energy source		Yes		
Low carbon transition		Yes		
Consumption of physical resources	Yes			
Waste and circularity		Yes		
Circular economy transition		Yes		
Economic and social transition		Yes		

5.2. Biodiversity and Resilience

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Quality of environment		Yes		
Quantity of environment		Yes		
Wildlife and biodiversity	Yes			
Infrastructure resilience		Yes		
Council resilience		Yes		
Community resilience		Yes		
Adaptation		Yes		

5.3. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Wildlife and biodiversity	less hard landscaping may mean more biodiversity for wildlife
Consumption of energy	less fuel used due to fewer vehicles operating on this task
Consumption of physical resources	Less procurement of materials

5.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Internal Consultation	Internal discussions within Landscape Services	internal discussions	Risks to parks and openspaces sustainability
Other Evidence	feedback	communities will want all reports of defects and damage in their areas repairing in a timely manner.	All the most urgent essential work will be undertaken

5.5. Overall Outcome

Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

Little evidence on how 12 months can affect sustainability risk. Only those urgent essential tasks will be addressed

Wider consultation required

6. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
Pause hard landscaping within Parks and Openspaces	<p>Lead Officer Alexander Scott</p> <p>Repeating Activity No</p> <p>Planned Start Tuesday April 01, 2025</p> <p>Planned Finish Tuesday March 31, 2026</p> <p>Expected Outcome No hard landscaping projects to be undertaken in Parks or Openspaces</p> <p>Resource Implications Internal opportunities to delegate work projects restricted.</p>