

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

Budget Saving 2026-27 Harbour Rates and Dues - Increase Above Inflation

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1. Overview

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

Apply an above inflation increase to all Harbour Rates and Dues to increase income by approx £30k.

This will be applied to all Harbours, including Macduff Harbour.

The actual rate applied will depend on the services provided at each Harbour and the current charges for services.

During screening 3 of 12 questions indicated that detailed assessments were required, the screening questions and their answers are listed in the next section. This led to 1 out of 5 detailed impact assessments being completed. The assessments required are:

- Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty

In total there are 0 positive impacts as part of this activity. There are 5 negative impacts, of these negative impacts, 0 have been mitigated and 5 cannot be mitigated satisfactorily.

A detailed action plan with 1 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by alan.wood@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?	No
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?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have an impact on people and / or groups with protected characteristics?	Yes
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
Does this activity / proposal / policy impact on consumers of Council services?	Yes

3. Impact Assessments

Children's Rights and Wellbeing	Not Required
Climate Change and Sustainability	Not Required
Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty	No 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	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>Demographic of harbour berth holders is at the older age of the spectrum, so this change is likely to have a disproportionate impact of males</p> <p>Can be mitigated No</p> <p>Justification The fees will apply to all users</p>
Age (Older)	<p>Age demographic of berth holders tends to be towards the older end of the spectrum. This increase in fees will impact disproportionately on that group</p> <p>Can be mitigated No</p> <p>Justification Fees will apply to all users</p>

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Sex	Demographic of harbour users tends to be male, so this increase is likely to have a disproportionate impact on males Can be mitigated No Justification The fees will apply to all users
Sex	Gender demographic of berth holders tends to male. This increase in fees will impact disproportionately on that group Can be mitigated No Justification Fees will apply to all Users
Low income	Increasing fees above inflation will move affordability of a berth further away from low income residents Can be mitigated No Justification Fees will be applied to all users

4.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Internal Data	Harbour Records	Berth holder information	Holders tend to be male and older

4.5. Engagement with affected groups

None

4.6. Ensuring engagement with protected groups

None

4.7. Evidence of engagement

it doesn't

4.8. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

Fees will all equally to all users

Budget Pressures

4.9. Improving Relations

Communications Plan

4.10. Opportunities of Equality

It does not

5. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
Communications Plan	<p>Lead Officer Gavin Penman</p> <p>Repeating Activity No</p> <p>Planned Start Wednesday April 01, 2026</p> <p>Planned Finish Friday May 29, 2026</p> <p>Expected Outcome Informed users</p> <p>Resource Implications Within existing resources</p>