

# Aberdeenshire Council

## Integrated Impact Assessment

### Budget Saving 25/26 - Waste Collection (Compost Bins)

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# 1. Overview

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

The Council currently supply compost bins at a reduced rate on request. This is funded through the existing waste collections budget.

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 0 positive impacts as part of this activity. There are 6 negative impacts, all impacts have been mitigated.

A detailed action plan with 1 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by [ewan.wallace@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto: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?	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

## 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	Yes	
Low wealth		Yes	Yes	
Material deprivation		Yes		
Area deprivation			Yes	
Socioeconomic background		Yes		

### 4.3. Negative Impacts and Mitigations

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Area deprivation	<p>This saving would have a negative impact on communities who would need to travel to a HRC or garden waste collection point to recycle their garden waste</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Communication on the benefits of home composting</p> <p>Timescale Ongoing</p>

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Low income	<p>This saving could have a negative impact on areas of low income who may need to travel to a HRC or garden waste collection point to recycle their garden waste.</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Communication will still provide information on the benefits of home composting and we will still be providing garden waste at our HRC's and seasonal garden waste points but as the composters will no longer be subsidised, then some householders may chose not to home compost or use these services</p> <p>Timescale Ongoing</p>
Low wealth	<p>This saving could have a negative impact on areas of low wealth who may need to travel to a HRC or garden waste collection point to recycle their garden waste.</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Communication will still provide information on the benefits of home composting and we will still be providing garden waste at our HRC's and seasonal garden waste points but as the composters will no longer be subsidised, then some householders may chose not to home compost or use these services</p> <p>Timescale Ongoing</p>

#### 4.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Internal Data	Confirm	Number of requests for home composters has reduced over the years	We have provided subsidised home composters for a number of years and demand is now less

#### 4.5. Engagement with affected groups

No engagement has been undertaken

#### 4.6. Ensuring engagement with protected groups

There has been no engagement

#### 4.7. Evidence of engagement

As stated previously no engagement has been undertaken as this is a budget saving measure

## **4.8. Overall Outcome**

Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

Communication will still provide information on the benefits of home composting and we will still be providing garden waste at our HRC's and seasonal garden waste points but as the composters will no longer be subsidised, then some householders may chose not to home compost or use these services

We have alternatives with HRC's and seasonal garden waste points and providing subsidised home composters is no longer viable.

## **4.9. Improving Relations**

Communication on the benefits of home composting and the HRC's and seasonal garden waste points

## **4.10. Opportunities of Equality**

N /A

## 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. Negative Impacts and Mitigations

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Consumption of physical resources	<p>This saving would discourage home composting and therefore increase the Council's waste disposal costs. Householders may choose to bring their garden waste to a recycling centre or garden waste collections point or put it in their residual bin</p> <p>Can be mitigated                      Yes</p> <p>Mitigation                      Communication on the benefits of home composting and promotion of HRC's and seasonal garden waste points</p> <p>Timescale                      Ongoing</p>

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Waste and circularity	<p>This saving would discourage home composting and therefore increase the Council's waste disposal costs. Householders may choose to bring their garden waste to a recycling centre or garden waste collections point or put it in their residual bin</p> <p>Can be mitigated                      Yes</p> <p>Mitigation                      Communication on the benefits of home composting and promotion of HRC's and seasonal garden waste points.</p> <p>Timescale                      Ongoing</p>

## 5.4. Evidence

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Internal Data	Confirm	Number of requests for home composters has reduced over the years	We have supplied subsidised home composters for a number of years so demand is now less

## 5.5. Overall Outcome

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## 6. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
<p>Work with communications team on benefits of home composting and alternatives to using bought composters as well as promoting use of HRC's and seasonal garden waste points</p>	<p><b>Lead Officer</b> Andrew Sheridan</p> <p><b>Repeating Activity</b> No</p> <p><b>Planned Start</b> Tuesday April 01, 2025</p> <p><b>Planned Finish</b> Tuesday March 31, 2026</p> <p><b>Expected Outcome</b> Residents continue to home compost or use HRC's /seasonal points rather than the refuse bin</p> <p><b>Resource Implications</b> Officer time</p>