

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

Budget Saving 25/26 - Waste Collection (Bin Straps)

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1. Overview

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

The Council currently supply bin straps, especially for the recycling bins, to ensure that lids remain closed in windy weather or should the bin get knocked over. These are funded through the existing waste collections budget.

During screening 4 of 11 questions indicated that detailed assessments were required, the screening questions and their answers are listed in the next section. This led to 3 out of 5 detailed impact assessments being completed. The assessments required are:

- Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty
- Sustainability and Climate Change
- Town Centres First

In total there are 0 positive impacts as part of this activity. There are 7 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.

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?	Yes
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?	Yes
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	Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated

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>By not supplying bin straps, this could result in contents of bins spilling out if blown over when put out for collection. Contents of recycling bins could blow into the householders garden due to this material being loose which if elderly they may struggle to tidy and pick up leaving their gardens a mess with the recycling.</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Increased communication with householders about how they can secure their bin lids</p> <p>Timescale Ongoing</p>

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Disability	<p>By not supplying bin straps, this could result in contents of bins spilling out if blown over when put out for collection. Contents of recycling bins could blow into the householders garden due to this material being loose which if disabled they may struggle to tidy and pick up leaving their gardens a mess with the recycling</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Communication with householders about how they can secure their bin lids.</p> <p>Timescale Ongoing</p>
Pregnancy and Maternity	<p>By not supplying bin straps, this could result in contents of bins spilling out if blown over when put out for collection. Contents of recycling bins could blow into the householders garden due to this material being loose which if pregnant they may struggle to tidy and pick up leaving their gardens a mess with the recycling</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Communication with householders about how they can secure their bin lids.</p> <p>Timescale Ongoing</p>

4.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Internal Data	Confirm	There is a constant request for bin straps	Demand for bin straps has increased with the addition of a second recycling bin.

4.5. Engagement with affected groups

No engagement has been done as this is a budget saving measure, we have provided bin straps for a number of years, they can be purchased by residents.

4.6. Ensuring engagement with protected groups

N/A

4.7. Evidence of engagement

As stated previously no engagement necessary as there will be no change to the service currently being provided.

4.8. Overall Outcome

Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

Improved communication will reduce some of the impacts, but without bin straps, there will be an increase in material not contained in the event of recycling bins falling over

To help balance out budget.

4.9. Improving Relations

Not required as no change to service as budget is able to be absorbed within existing waste budgets.

4.10. Opportunities of Equality

By absorbing the budget for additional bin straps, this ensures continuity of service with bin straps being available to all households on request.

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
Quality of environment	<p>Additional litter could be generated from blown over bins therefore creating additional litter picking routes for vehicles/ staff however not all additional litter will be able to be captured depending upon street cleansing resources available therefore this will impact on the quality of the environment.</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Increased communication with householders and businesses about how they can secure their bin lids..</p> <p>Timescale Ongoing</p>

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Consumption of physical resources	<p>By not supplying bin straps, this could result in additional litter being generated from blown over bins therefore creating additional litter picking routes for vehicles/staff, with increased consumption of fuel and black bags to collect the extra litter generated.</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Increased communication with householders and businesses about how they can secure their bin lids.</p> <p>Timescale Ongoing</p>
Waste and circularity	<p>By not supplying bin straps, this could result in additional litter being generated from blown over bins therefore creating additional litter picking routes for vehicles/staff. This results in lost recycling tonnage.</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Increased communication with householders and businesses about how they can secure their bin lids..</p> <p>Timescale Ongoing</p>

5.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Other Evidence	Confirm	Requests for bin straps for recycling bins.	Demand for bin straps has increased with the addition of a second recycling bin.

5.5. Overall Outcome

Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

Although increased communication will help mitigate some of the effects, there will be an some effect of littering from bins that have blown over.

To help balance out budget.

6. Town Centre's First Impact Assessment

6.1. Local Factors

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Town centre assets		Yes		
Footfall		Yes		
Changes to road layouts		Yes		
Parking		Yes		
Infrastructure changes		Yes		
Aesthetics of the town centre			Yes	
Tourism		Yes		
Public safety		Yes		
Town centre business		Yes		
Cultural heritage and identity		Yes		
Social and cultural aspects		Yes		

6.2. Negative Impacts and Mitigations

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Aesthetics of the town centre	<p>Lack of bin straps could generate additional litter within the town centres due to bins being blown over and contents being blown out.</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Contents of bins being blown over generating litter will increase. Increased communication on how householders can secure lids, reasons for not supplying bin straps, along with support of local litter pick groups .</p> <p>Timescale From 1st April 2024</p>

6.3. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Other Evidence	Confirm	Increase in requests for bin straps specifically for orange lidded bins	Demand for bin straps has increased

6.4. Overall Outcome

Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

Increased communication on how householders can secure lids, reasons for not supplying bin straps, along with support of local litter pick groups will mitigate some impacts but there will still be an increase in litter generated from blown over recycling bins

To help balance our budget

7. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
<p>Work with communications team on how bins can be secured, reason for not supplying bind straps and support for local community groups in</p>	<p>Lead Officer Andrew Sheridan</p> <p>Repeating Activity No</p> <p>Planned Start Monday April 01, 2024</p> <p>Planned Finish Monday March 31, 2025</p> <p>Expected Outcome A reduction in the effect of not supplying bin straps</p> <p>Resource Implications Officer time</p>