

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

Budget Proposals 25/26 Proposed budget saving - Parks and Open Spaces - Arboricultural Maintenance

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1. Overview

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

Potential saving of £67k by reducing the extent of arboricultural maintenance and pruning works carried out on Parks and Open Spaces .

During screening 1 of 11 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 3 negative impacts, of these negative impacts, 2 have been mitigated and 1 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?	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?	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	Not Required
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. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Internal Consultation	feedback	resident wish to see their trees managed and maintained proactively	reduction in budget will reduce the services ability to act proactively and will only respond reactively to urgent H&S issues.

4.4. Engagement with affected groups

no engagement carried out though service is in regular contact with community councils as well as elected members

4.5. Ensuring engagement with protected groups

service is accessible to all those with protected characteristics

4.6. Evidence of engagement

there has been no engagement with groups regarding the reduction of this budget.

4.7. Overall Outcome

Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

some trees may be able to be left for biodiversity however others may need to be actioned to prevent failure and potential damage or harm

budget will be available for urgent tree work so those tasks that require an immediate response will be attended too

4.8. Improving Relations

All area will be affected by these cuts and no one area will be affect more than another

4.9. Opportunities of Equality

not applicable

5. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
only undertake urgent health and safety tree issues	<p>Lead Officer Kenneth Regan</p> <p>Repeating Activity No</p> <p>Planned Start Tuesday April 01, 2025</p> <p>Planned Finish Monday March 30, 2026</p> <p>Expected Outcome increased level of dissatisfaction and complaints from those wanting work carried out. Potential increased liability if work isn't undertaken and accidents occur as a result</p> <p>Resource Implications no resource implication</p>