

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

Budget Proposals 2025/26 - Arboricultural Maintenance in Burial Grounds

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1. Overview

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

Potential saving of £49 k by reducing the extent of arboricultural maintenance and pruning works carried out.

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	No Negative Impacts Identified
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?
Other Evidence	feedback and other communications with local groups as well as elected members	locals communities and elected members are keen to keep our burial grounds inviting and well maintained	not all complaints or work identified relating to trees within burial grounds will be actioned

4.4. Engagement with affected groups

none affected as this will impact all communities across the shire

4.5. Ensuring engagement with protected groups

no applicable

4.6. Evidence of engagement

not applicable

4.7. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

Some tree issues will be addressed and allowed to remain either because the impact on their environs will be minimal, or the retention can be for biodiversity reasons. All urgent health and safety issues will be attended to.

4.8. Improving Relations

not applicable

4.9. Opportunities of Equality

not applicable

5. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
reduced maintenance to arboricultural work within burial grounds	<p>Lead Officer Kenneth Regan</p> <p>Repeating Activity No</p> <p>Planned Start Monday March 31, 2025</p> <p>Planned Finish Tuesday March 31, 2026</p> <p>Expected Outcome increased level of complaints from both visitors , communities as well as elected members</p> <p>Resource Implications no resource implication</p>