

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

Budget Savings Proposal 2025/26 - Voluntary Parking Charges

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1. Overview

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

This assessment considers the impact of introducing voluntary parking charges to currently free car parks frequented by tourists (e.g. in coastal villages/Upper Deeside etc.)

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 0 negative impacts, all impacts have been mitigated.

A detailed action plan with 1 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by philip.mckay@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?
External Data	Highland Council	Highland council generated a gross income of over £300,000 from their "Invitation to Pay" scheme in 2023/24.	Introducing voluntary charges at currently free car parks can generate a net income.

4.4. Engagement with affected groups

n/a - contributions would be voluntary.

4.5. Ensuring engagement with protected groups

n/a

4.6. Evidence of engagement

n/a

4.7. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

Proposal would see the introduction of voluntary charges at selected car parks. - users could choose to pay or to use the car park for free.

4.8. Improving Relations

n/a

4.9. Opportunities of Equality

n/a

5. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
<p>If proposal is progressed, assess the effectiveness of it in wider parking strategy review.</p>	<p>Lead Officer John Bruce</p> <p>Repeating Activity No</p> <p>Planned Start Tuesday April 01, 2025</p> <p>Planned Finish Wednesday December 31, 2025</p> <p>Expected Outcome Generate a small income.</p> <p>Resource Implications None</p>