

# Aberdeenshire Council

## Integrated Impact Assessment

### Budget Saving - Small Repairs

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# 1. Overview

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

To assess the impact of the proposed saving in the Small Repairs budget.

During screening 4 of 10 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
- Health Inequalities
- Sustainability and Climate Change

In total there are 0 positive impacts as part of this activity. There are 5 negative impacts, of these negative impacts, 3 have been mitigated and 2 cannot be mitigated satisfactorily.

A detailed action plan with 1 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by [rob.simpson2@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:rob.simpson2@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?   | Yes |
| 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?                    | Yes |
| 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?   | Yes |
| 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  |

## 3. Impact Assessments

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Children's Rights and Wellbeing     | Not Required                                |
| Climate Change and Sustainability   | No Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated        |
| Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty | Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated |
| Health Inequalities                 | No Negative Impacts Identified              |
| 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. Negative Impacts and Mitigations

| Impact Area | Details and Mitigation  |
|-------------|---|
| Low income  | <p>Reduced provision of service to people on lower incomes who may have been able to tap into the service to access repairs.</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Continued targeting of remaining resources towards most vulnerable households.</p> <p>Timescale Ongoing.</p> |
| Low wealth  | <p>Reduced provision of service to people on lower incomes who may have been able to tap into the service to access repairs.</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Continued targeting of remaining resources towards most vulnerable households.</p> <p>Timescale Ongoing</p>  |

| Impact Area          | Details and Mitigation  |
|----------------------|---|
| Material deprivation | <p>Reduced provision of service to people on lower incomes who may have been able to tap into the service to access repairs and to keep their homes wind and watertight.</p> <p>Can be mitigated                      Yes</p> <p>Mitigation                      Continued targeting of remaining resources towards most vulnerable households.</p> <p>Timescale                      Ongoing</p> |

#### 4.4. Evidence

| Type                  | Source                           | It says?   | It Means?   |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Internal Consultation | Feedback from frontline services | Referrals from staff to understand where the issues are. | Potential to target service delivery to focus on most vulnerable. |

#### 4.5. Engagement with affected groups

Feedback from staff delivering the service with customers.

#### 4.6. Ensuring engagement with protected groups

Included in feedback.

#### 4.7. Evidence of engagement

Feedback above includes those with lived experience.

#### 4.8. Overall Outcome

Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

Reduced budget to reduce service will create some negative impacts that can be partially offset by targeting of remaining resource.

Financial necessity.

#### 4.9. Improving Relations

Effective communication with customers regarding any reduction in service.

#### 4.10. Opportunities of Equality

Equality of opportunity may be partially offset by targeting of remaining resources.

## 5. Health Inequalities Impact Assessment

### 5.1. Health Behaviours

| Indicator                      | Positive | Neutral | Negative | Unknown |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| Healthy eating                 |          | Yes     |          |         |
| Exercise and physical activity |          | Yes     |          |         |
| Substance use – tobacco        |          | Yes     |          |         |
| Substance use – alcohol        |          | Yes     |          |         |
| Substance use – drugs          |          | Yes     |          |         |
| Mental health                  |          | Yes     |          |         |

### 5.2. Evidence

| Type          | Source                                     | It says?  | It Means?  |
|---------------|--|---|------------|
| Internal Data | Feedback from staff delivering the service | No evidence of a specific health impact arising directly from the service, either positive or negative. | See above. |

### 5.3. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

No specific health impacts arising from small repairs service.

## 6. Sustainability and Climate Change Impact Assessment

### 6.1. 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     |          |         |

### 6.2. 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     |          |         |

### 6.3. Negative Impacts and Mitigations

| Impact Area           | Details and Mitigation  |
|-----------------------|---|
| Community resilience  | <p>Reduces ability of households to keep their properties wind and watertight.</p> <p>Can be mitigated                      No</p> <p>Justification                      Reduced resource indicates reduced reach of service.</p> |
| Waste and circularity | <p>Reduces ability of households to keep their properties wind and watertight.</p> <p>Can be mitigated                      No</p> <p>Justification                      Reduced resource indicates reduced reach of service.</p> |

### 6.4. Evidence

| Type | Source | It says? | It Means? |
|------|--------|----------|-----------|
|------|--------|----------|-----------|

| Type          | Source                          | It says?  | It Means?   |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| External Data | Scottish House Condition Survey | Proportion of homes in Aberdeenshire in various conditions of disrepair | There is a need to invest in the stock to ensure properties meet tolerable standards. |

## 6.5. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

Reduced budget will reduce reach of service.

Budget-setting process dictates this decision. There are wider resources invested that will contribute through other schemes to supporting energy efficiency in the private sector.

## 7. Action Plan

| Planned Action   | Details   |
|--|---|
| Target remaining resource for small repairs budget to minimise impact on any inequalities. | <p><b>Lead Officer</b> Alexander Macleod</p> <p><b>Repeating Activity</b> No</p> <p><b>Planned Start</b> Saturday April 01, 2023</p> <p><b>Planned Finish</b> Sunday March 31, 2024</p> <p><b>Expected Outcome</b> Small repairs are targeted to households who need it the most.</p> <p><b>Resource Implications</b> Within existing/remaining budget, but will be subject to the £80-120k pressure elsewhere in the Improvement &amp; Repairs budget.</p> |