

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Stage 1: Title and aims of the activity (“activity” is an umbrella term covering policies, procedures, guidance and decisions).	
Service	Business Services
Section	Property & Facilities Management
Title of the activity etc.	Building Cleaning/Public Conveniences
Aims of the activity	Provision of Cleaning services incl toilet facilities
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Stage 2: List the evidence that has been used in this assessment.	
Internal data (customer satisfaction surveys; equality monitoring data; customer complaints).	Existing data concerning asset condition, suitability, utilisation and costs has been interrogated as part of the development of the overarching strategy
Internal consultation with staff and other services affected.	A Strategy has been agreed by Council and the general approach has been circulated to Area Managers and Services and views have influenced the development of the Strategy
External consultation (partner organisations, community groups, and councils).	Consultation has already taken place and will continue to take place on an individual site/community basis.
External data (census, available statistics).	n/a
Other (general information as appropriate).	This additional saving level will require the identification of a number of additional sites to be closed and a communication plan developed to ensure that affected communities are aware and that appropriate consultation takes place.

Stage 3: Evidence Gaps.	
Are there any gaps in the information you currently hold?	None identified

Stage 4: Measures to fill the evidence gaps.		
What measures will be taken to fill the information gaps before the activity is implemented? These should be included in the action plan at the back of this form.	Measures:	Timescale:
	n/a	

Stage 5: Are there potential impacts on protected groups? Please complete for each protected group by inserting "yes" in the applicable box/boxes below.				
	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unknown
Age – Younger		Yes		
Age – Older		Yes		
Disability		Yes		
Race – (includes Gypsy Travellers)			Yes	
Religion or Belief			Yes	
Gender – male/female			Yes	
Pregnancy and maternity			Yes	
Sexual orientation – (includes Lesbian/ Gay/Bisexual)			Yes	
Gender reassignment – (includes Transgender)			Yes	
Marriage and Civil Partnership			Yes	

Stage 6: What are the positive and negative impacts?

Impacts.	Positive (describe the impact for each of the protected characteristics affected)	Negative (describe the impact for each of the protected characteristics affected)
Please detail the potential positive and/or negative impacts on those with protected characteristics you have highlighted above. Detail the impacts and describe those affected.		The proposal will reduce the opportunity for the public to access toilet facilities.

Stage 7: Have any of the affected groups been consulted?

If yes, please give details of how this was done and what the results were. If no, how have you ensured that you can make an informed decision about mitigating steps?	Not yet. Communities will be consulted in due course once a list of sites to be closed has been agreed.
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Stage 8: What mitigating steps will be taken to remove or reduce negative impacts?

These should be included in any action plan at the back of this form.	Mitigating Steps	Timescale
	Communication plan will ensure reasonable opportunity to make comments and if a community run facility or comfort partnership can be put in place the impact can be mitigated	3 months from Council agreement

Stage 9: What steps can be taken to promote good relations between various groups?

<p>These should be included in the action plan.</p>	
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Stage 10: How does the policy/activity create opportunities for advancing equality of opportunity?

n/a

Stage 11: What equality monitoring arrangements will be put in place?

These should be included in any action plan (for example customer satisfaction questionnaires).

n/a

Stage 12: What is the outcome of the Assessment?

Please complete the appropriate box/boxes	1	No negative impacts have been identified –please explain.
	2	Negative Impacts have been identified, these can be mitigated - please explain. * Please fill in Stage 13 if this option is chosen.
	See stage 8 above	
	3	The activity will have negative impacts which cannot be mitigated fully – please explain. * Please fill in Stage 13 if this option is chosen

* Stage 13: Set out the justification that the activity can and should go ahead despite the negative impact.

The demands of the reduced budget will reduce the opportunity to sustain facilities particularly those where existing patronage or usage levels are low

Stage 14: Sign off and authorisation.

Sign off and authorisation.	1) Service and Team	Property & Fac Man Service		
	2) Title of Policy/Activity	(if appropriate)		
	3) Authors: I/We have completed the equality impact assessment for this policy/activity.	Name: Allan Whyte Position: Head of Property & FM Date: 21/01/18 Signature:	Name: Tom Buchan Position: Fac Man Date: 21/01/18 Signature:	
		Name: Position: Date: Signature:	Name: Position: Date: Signature:	
	4) Consultation with Service Manager	Name: Date:		
	5) Authorisation by Director or Head of Service	Name: Position: Date:	Name: Position: Date:	
	6) If the EIA relates to a matter that has to go before a Committee, Committee report author sends the Committee Report and this form, and any supporting assessment documents, to the Officers responsible for monitoring and the Committee Officer of the relevant Committee. e.g. Social Work and Housing Committee.			Date:
	7) EIA author sends a copy of the finalised form to: eia@abdnshire			Date:
(Equalities team to complete) Has the completed form been published on the website? YES/NO			Date:	

