

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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Stage 1: Title and aims of the activity (“activity” is an umbrella term covering policies, procedures, guidance and decisions including those that affect services the council delivers).	
Service	Education & Children’s Services
Section	Admin and Management in Resources & Performance
Title of the activity etc.	Budget savings achieved in Soft FM support, administration and management through restricting recruitment and restructuring teams.
Aims and desired outcomes of the activity	Reinvigorate Facilities Management to ensure services are integrated, including consideration of opportunities to expand initial remit (in subsequent phases) Corporate Soft FM review ongoing. Project anticipating savings to be achieved depending on option scoring. Transform the ECS Business Support and Performance function in line with long term business requirement, ensuring appropriate support arrangements are in place for all areas of the Directorate.
Author(s) & Title(s)	Karen Tucker, Team Manager Governance and Empowerment.

Stage 2: List the evidence that has been used in this assessment and explain what it means in relation to the activity you are assessing.		
Evidence	What does it say?	What does it mean?
Internal data (customer satisfaction surveys; equality monitoring data; customer complaints).	N/A	
Internal consultation with staff and other services affected.	Extended Management Team ECS Leadership Team Resources & Performance Team (in context of service re-design) Meeting with ASHTA/HTC Senior Leadership Team	Services understand that this is a way to achieve the required budget saving. Services will be re-designed/tasks re-assigned as necessary when a vacancy arises. There is no impact on protected groups as it is a reactive measure.
External consultation (partner organisations, community groups, and councils.	n/a	

External data (census, available statistics).	n/a	
Other (general information as appropriate).	n/a	

Stage 3: Evidence Gaps.

Are there any gaps in the information you currently hold?	Options for Soft FM review not scored at time of writing to advise of the outcome of the Soft FM Review.
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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:
	Continue with FM review	2021

Stage 5: What steps can be taken to promote good relations between various groups/areas?

These should be included in the action plan.	Team Meetings, Consultations
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Stage 6: How does the policy/activity create opportunities for advancing equality of opportunity?

n/a

Stage 7a:
 Are there potential impacts on protected groups?
 The protected groups covered by the equality duty are: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
 Who is affected by the activity or who is intended to benefit from the proposed activity and how?
 Complete the table below for each protected group by inserting "yes" in the applicable box/boxes below.

	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unknown
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Age – Younger			x	
Age - Older			x	
Disability			x	
Race – (includes Gypsy Travellers)			x	
Religion or Belief			x	
Sex			x	
Pregnancy and maternity			x	
Sexual orientation – (includes Lesbian/ Gay/Bisexual)			x	
Gender reassignment – (includes Transgender)			x	
Marriage and Civil Partnership			x	

Stage 7b: Do you have evidence or reason to believe that this policy, activity etc. will or may impact on socio-economic inequalities?

This is about trying to be fair to everyone. Part of that is realising that not everyone may be starting at the same place. Some individuals and families may have low income, may have very little or no savings which means they are living from month to month therefore changes to council policies/services may have a greater adverse impact on them.

On this basis you should consider potential impacts on individuals/families by:

- Place: on specific vulnerable areas or communities (SIMD, regeneration, rural) e.g. housing, transport.
- Pockets: household resources, (Income, benefits, outgoings) ability to access a service
- Prospects: peoples life chances e.g., Access to, or ability to access: employment, training, services (such as council or health) or support.

Groups of people who may be impacted include, but not limited to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployed • Single parents and vulnerable families • People on benefits • Those involved in the criminal justice system • People in the most deprived communities • People who live in rural areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pensioners • Looked after children • Carers including young carers • Veterans • Students • Single adult households • People who have experienced the asylum system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those leaving the care setting including children and young people and those with illness • Homeless people • People with low literacy/numeracy • People with lower educational qualifications • People in low paid work • People with one or more protected characteristic
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Please complete by inserting “yes” in the applicable box/boxes below.

Socio-economic disadvantage	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unknown
Pockets: Low income/income poverty – cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food, clothing			x	
Pockets: Low and/or no wealth – enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future			x	
Pockets: Material deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e., financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure and hobbies			x	
Place: Area deprivation – where you live, where you work			x	
Prospects: Socioeconomic background – social class i.e. parents education, employment and income, educational achievement.			x	

Stage 8: What are the positive and negative impacts?		
Impacts.	Positive	Negative
Please detail the potential positive and/or negative impacts you have highlighted above. Detail the impacts and describe those affected.		

Stage 9: Have any of the affected groups/areas been involved, engaged with or 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?	No

Stage 10: What mitigating steps will be taken to remove or reduce negative impacts?		
	Mitigating Steps	Timescale
These should be included in any action plan at the back of this form.		

Stage 11: What monitoring arrangements will be put in place? How the EIA will be used to monitor the proposal	
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	1	No negative impacts have been identified –please explain.

the appropriate box/boxes	As this saving is in support services (including quality assurance), there will be no direct impact on protected groups.	
	2	Negative Impacts have been identified; these can be mitigated - please explain. * Please fill in Stage 13 if this option is chosen.
	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.

Stage 14: Sign off and authorisation.

Sign off and authorisation.	1) Service and Team	Education and Children's Services – Admin & Management	
	2) Title of Policy/Activity	Admin & Management Staffing / CLD / Area Offices / QIOs, etc (No Recruitment and team restructuring)	
	3) Authors: I/We have completed the equality impact assessment for this policy/activity.	Name: K Tucker Position: Team Manager Date: 27.01.2021 Signature:	Name: Position: Date: Signature:
	4) Consultation with Service Manager	Name: Gillian Milne Date: 27.01.2021	
	5) Authorisation by Director or Head of Service	Name: Ann Marie Davies Macleod Position: Head of Service Date: 27.01.2021	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.		Date:
	7) EIA author sends a copy of the finalised form to: equalities@aberdeenshire.gov.uk		Date:

