

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

General Fund Budget Savings - Withdrawal of Registered Social Landlord (RSL) Sheltered Housing Support

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1. Overview

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

Assessment of the impact of the termination of contracts for the provision of Sheltered Housing Support for the tenants of Registered Social Landlords delivering services in the Aberdeenshire area (Sanctuary Housing Association and Castlehill Housing Association)

During screening 2 of 10 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, 4 have been mitigated and 0 cannot be mitigated satisfactorily.

A detailed action plan with 2 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by 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?	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?	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	Not Required
Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty	Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated
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. Negative Impacts and Mitigations

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Age (Older)	<p>Removal of Sheltered Housing Support from tenants of Registered Social Landlords</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Provision of an alternative model of service delivery. Contracts have been renewed for a period of six months to allow the Council to develop. An 'Enhanced Housing Service' model has been developed in other areas of Scotland that does allow provision of some services to continue.</p> <p>Timescale September 2023</p>

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Age (Older)	<p>Removal of Sheltered Housing Support from tenants of Registered Social Landlords</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation Tenants of Sheltered Housing will continue to benefit from Care at Home packages delivered by the Health & Social Care Partnership.</p> <p>Timescale Not applicable</p>
Low income	<p>Removal of Sheltered Housing Support from tenants of Registered Social Landlords</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation The Council will work with Registered Social Landlords to deliver an alternative model of service provision. Contracts have been renewed for a period of 6 months from April 2022 to allow this process to be undertaken.</p> <p>Timescale September 2023</p>
Low wealth	<p>Removal of Sheltered Housing Support from the tenants of Registered Social Landlords who have limited opportunity to participate in alternative service provision</p> <p>Can be mitigated Yes</p> <p>Mitigation The Council will work with Registered Social Landlords to deliver an alternative model of service provision. Contracts have been renewed for a period of 6 months from April 2022 to allow this process to be undertaken.</p> <p>Timescale September 2023</p>

4.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
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External Consultation	Tenant Consultation	The Housing Service has offered and continues to assist with RSL tenant consultation in respect of the withdrawal of sheltered housing support and the development of any alternative model of service provision.	Tenants have and will continue to be fully appraised of the reasons for the change in service provision. Tenants will also have a say in the development of an alternative method of service delivery.

4.5. Engagement with affected groups

Whilst the responsibility for tenant consultation is that of the Registered Social Landlords concerned, the Council have been assisting with this process and will continue to do so.

4.6. Ensuring engagement with protected groups

The Registered Social Landlords have legal duty to ensure that all tenants impacted have the opportunity to engage and be consulted in respect of all proposals.

4.7. Evidence of engagement

It is the responsibility of individual landlords to ensure that appropriate levels of consultation are undertaken, in accordance with legislative requirements. Meetings with tenants concerned have been attended by the Aberdeenshire Council Sheltered Housing Manager.

4.8. Overall Outcome

Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

Whilst the withdrawal of low-level Sheltered Housing Support will lead to a change in service provision, tenants of RSLs will be in receipt of an alternative model of service provision developed in conjunction with Aberdeenshire Council. This will ultimately lead to a consistent approach between RSLs and Housing.

The withdrawal of funding from the General Fund has been undertaken throughout Scotland for the reasons outlined.

The tenants of RSL Sheltered Housing Schemes will continue to receive Care at Home provision from the AHSCP as required. Additional services will be delivered utilising an alternative model of service provision in full consultation with tenants concerned.

4.9. Improving Relations

Officers have and will continue to work closely with Registered Social landlord partners in the development of services to tenants.

4.10. Opportunities of Equality

The provision of equality in service provision between Local Authority and RSL service provision in Aberdeenshire.

5. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
To work in partnership with Registered Social Landlords to deliver an alternative model of service provision.	<p>Lead Officer Andrew Mackie</p> <p>Repeating Activity No</p> <p>Planned Start Monday December 05, 2022</p> <p>Planned Finish Friday September 01, 2023</p> <p>Expected Outcome Provision of alternative model of service provision</p> <p>Resource Implications Within existing resources</p>
To continue to assist Registered Social Landlords with tenant consultation and engagement	<p>Lead Officer Andrew Mackie</p> <p>Repeating Activity No</p> <p>Planned Start Monday December 05, 2022</p> <p>Planned Finish Friday September 01, 2023</p> <p>Expected Outcome Tenants have an opportunity to fully engage in the process and participate in the delivery of an alternative model of service provision.</p> <p>Resource Implications Within existing resources.</p>