

INVERCLYDE COUNCIL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

Budget Saving Proposal

Essential Information
Name of Officer(s) completing this Template: Alan Stevenson
Designation(s): Service Manager
Directorate/Service: HSCP – Children and Families
Date of Impact Assessment: 11 January 2024
Name of Budget Saving Proposal ¹ : Redesign of Children’s Community Supports

1. Does the Budget Saving Proposal impact on:		
	Yes	No
a. Protected Characteristics under The Equality Act 2010: Age; Disability; Gender Reassignment; Marriage and Civil Partnership; Pregnancy and Maternity; Race; Religion and Belief; Sex; Sexual Orientation (see Section 3)	Y	
b. Reducing inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage – Fairer Scotland Duty ² (see Section 6)		N
c. Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan 2023/33 ³ (see Section 7)		N
d. Council Plan 2023/28 ⁴ (see Section 8)	Y	
2. If ‘yes’ is selected for any part of Section 1, please populate the other relevant Sections of this Template.		

¹ Please attach the Budget Saving Proposal to this Template

² [Fairer Scotland Duty: guidance for public bodies](#)

³ [Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan 2023/33](#)

⁴ [Council Plan 2023/28](#)

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3. Impact – Protected Characteristics

Which of the Protected Characteristics will the Budget Saving Proposal have an impact upon?

Equality Target Group	Positive impact +	Neutral impact =	Negative impact -
Age		=	
Disability			-
Gender Reassignment		=	
Marriage and Civil Partnership		=	
Pregnancy and Maternity		=	
Race		=	
Religion and Belief		=	
Sex		=	
Sexual Orientation		=	
Other groups to consider		=	

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• Carers			
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4. Which parts of the Equality Duty will the Budget Saving Proposal impact on?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by The Equality Act 2010
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Advance equality of opportunity between people of different groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster good relations between from different groups

5. Impact - Groups	
From the information you have highlighted above, describe the positive and negative impacts and the groups affected under The Equality Act 2010.	
<p style="text-align: center;">Positive impact +</p> <p>Will help encourage more community-based approaches to care and support for disabled children and young people.</p> <p>Will seek to empower families to access and plan individual supports via use of self-directed support.</p> <p>Earlier intervention approaches and partnership working will expand range of options available to families.</p> <p>We will be more inclusive and rights based by listening to the view of children.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Negative impact -</p> <p>Anticipated reduced availability of established residential respite provision.</p> <p>Challenges arising from moving from traditional model towards more personalised plans (including short breaks).</p>

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6. Impact – Fairer Scotland Duty

What impact will this Budget Saving Proposal have on reducing inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage? *Please tick.*

Positive impact +	Neutral impact =	Negative impact -
	Access to residential respite is needs based and not means tested in any way	

Briefly describe how the Budget Saving Proposal will impact on reducing inequalities of outcome.

7. Impact – Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan 2023/33

Which Themes from the Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan 2023/33 will this Budget Saving Proposal impact on?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>Theme 1: Empowered people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities can have their voices heard, and influence the places and services that affect them • Gaps in outcomes linked to poverty are reduced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>Theme 2: Working people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More people will be in sustained employment, with fair pay and conditions • Poverty related gaps are addressed, so young people can have the skills for learning, life and work • Businesses are supported and encouraged to reduce their carbon footprint and develop green jobs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>Theme 3: Healthy people and places</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People live longer and healthier lives • Supportive systems are in place to prevent alcohol and drug misuse • Our natural capital is looked after, and we are effectively adapting and mitigating the effects of climate change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>Theme 4: A supportive place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulnerable adults and children are protected and supported, ensuring they can live safely and independently • We recognise where people are affected by trauma, and respond in ways that prevent further harm and support recovery |

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public protection and community safety are improved through targeting our resources to reduce the risk of offending and harm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Theme 5: A thriving place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growth in our working age population by encouraging people to stay here, and attracting new people to settle here Development of strong community-based services that respond to local need Homes are energy efficient and fuel poverty is reduced Increased use of active travel and sustainable transport options Easy access to attractive and safe public spaces, and high-quality arts and cultural opportunities
<p>Briefly describe how the Budget Saving Proposal will impact on the Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan 2023/33 Themes.</p>	

8. Impact – Council Plan 2023/28

Which Themes from the Council Plan 2023/28 will the Budget Saving Proposal impact on?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theme 1: People <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our young people have the best start in life through high quality support and education Gaps in outcomes linked to poverty are reduced People are supported to improve their health and wellbeing More people will be in employment, with fair pay and conditions Our most vulnerable families and residents are safeguarded and supported
<input type="checkbox"/>	Theme 2: Place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities are thriving, growing and sustainable Our strategic housing function is robust Our economy and skills base are developed We have a sufficient supply of business premises Our natural environment is protected
<input type="checkbox"/>	Theme 3: Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High quality and innovative services are provided, giving value for money Our employees are supported and developed
<p>Briefly describe how the Budget Saving Proposal will impact on the Council Plan 2023/28 Themes.</p>	

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Informed by changes in reduced availability of residential respite providers. Developing more tailored options, within local communities will support young people with their transition into young adulthood. This reflects changes in provision and learning arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and upholds a rights- and strengths-based approach to achieve wellbeing outcomes through personalised planning and continuity of support.

9. Evidence

What evidence do you have to help identify any potential impacts of the Budget Saving Proposal?

Note: Evidence could include consultations, surveys, focus groups, interviews, projects, user feedback, complaints, Officers' knowledge and experience, equalities monitoring data, publications, research, reports, local, national groups.

Evidence	Details
Consultation/engagement	
Research	
Officers' knowledge and experience (including feedback from frontline staff)	Frontline staff continue to be asked to arrange residential respite, reflecting established provision and family's expectations and those of other partners involved in assessing disabled children and young people
Equalities monitoring data	
User feedback (including complaints)	Reduced provision of respite by external partners has generated concerns and complaints. Consultation and engagement with families and carers towards more

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	community-based supports will be part of the service design.
Stakeholders Other	
Are there information gaps and, if so, what are these?	

10. Please use the space below to detail any other matters arising from the Equality Impact Assessment process, including what action could be taken to mitigate the impact of the Budget Saving Proposal.

Any planned reduction in residential respite would need to take place alongside increasing choice and resources that can be utilised to support disable children and young people.

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Thank you for your assistance with the completion of this task.

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