

## INVERCLYDE COUNCIL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

### Budget Saving Proposal

<b>Essential Information</b>
Name of Officer(s) completing this Template: Alan Best
Designation(s): Head of Service
Directorate/Service: Inverclyde HSCP / Health & Community Care
Date of Impact Assessment: 15/01/24
Name of Budget Saving Proposal <sup>1</sup> : To decommission HSCP older people's day service providing a commissioned service only.

<b>1. Does the Budget Saving Proposal impact on:</b>		
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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 <b>(see Section 3)</b>	x	
b. Reducing inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage – Fairer Scotland Duty <sup>2</sup> <b>(see Section 6)</b>	x	
c. Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan 2023/33 <sup>3</sup> <b>(see Section 7)</b>		x
d. Council Plan 2023/28 <sup>4</sup> <b>(see Section 8)</b>	x	

<sup>1</sup> Please attach the Budget Saving Proposal to this Template

<sup>2</sup> [Fairer Scotland Duty: guidance for public bodies](#)

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

<sup>4</sup> [Council Plan 2023/28](#)

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2. If 'yes' is selected for any part of Section 1, please populate the other relevant Sections of this Template.

### 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	x		
Disability	x		
Gender Reassignment		=	
Marriage and Civil Partnership		=	
Pregnancy and Maternity		=	
Race		=	
Religion and Belief		=	
Sex		=	
		=	

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Sexual Orientation			
Other groups to consider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carers</li> </ul>	x		

#### 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.

<b>Positive impact</b> + <i>(Describe groups affected.)</i>	<b>Negative impact</b> - <i>(Describe groups affected.)</i>
<p>To enhance and sustain day services for older people. Additional use of commissioned provision will increase sustainability and enable development of the services. There are 3 local commissioned providers currently which maintains choice for people.</p> <p>Age: Health and Community Care are working to maintain individuals to live in their own home and community as long as they wish to do so (including a Day Service placement to support their carers); this will improve welfare and the safeguarding of older people with a high level of frailty and associated disabilities whose needs require this level of support</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 -
=	=	

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

The budget saving proposal is achievable because of the HSCPs strategic focus for Older People which means an increased number of older people and adults with disability are remaining at home and in their own community for longer.

### 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?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Theme 1: Empowered people</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communities can have their voices heard, and influence the places and services that affect them</li> <li>• Gaps in outcomes linked to poverty are reduced</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Theme 2: Working people</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More people will be in sustained employment, with fair pay and conditions</li> <li>• Poverty related gaps are addressed, so young people can have the skills for learning, life and work</li> <li>• Businesses are supported and encouraged to reduce their carbon footprint and develop green jobs</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Theme 3: Healthy people and places</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People live longer and healthier lives</li> <li>• Supportive systems are in place to prevent alcohol and drug misuse</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our natural capital is looked after, and we are effectively adapting and mitigating the effects of climate change</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Theme 4: A supportive place</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vulnerable adults and children are protected and supported, ensuring they can live safely and independently</li> <li>• We recognise where people are affected by trauma, and respond in ways that prevent further harm and support recovery</li> <li>• Public protection and community safety are improved through targeting our resources to reduce the risk of offending and harm</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Theme 5: A thriving place</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth in our working age population by encouraging people to stay here, and attracting new people to settle here</li> <li>• Development of strong community-based services that respond to local need</li> <li>• Homes are energy efficient and fuel poverty is reduced</li> <li>• Increased use of active travel and sustainable transport options</li> <li>• Easy access to attractive and safe public spaces, and high-quality arts and cultural opportunities</li> </ul>
<p><b>Briefly describe how the Budget Saving Proposal will impact on the Inverclyde Alliance Partnership Plan 2023/33 Themes.</b></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"/>	<p><b>Theme 1: People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our young people have the best start in life through high quality support and education</li> <li>• Gaps in outcomes linked to poverty are reduced</li> <li>• People are supported to improve their health and wellbeing</li> <li>• More people will be in employment, with fair pay and conditions</li> <li>• Our most vulnerable families and residents are safeguarded and supported</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Theme 2: Place</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communities are thriving, growing and sustainable</li> <li>• Our strategic housing function is robust</li> <li>• Our economy and skills base are developed</li> <li>• We have a sufficient supply of business premises</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our natural environment is protected</li> </ul>
x <input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>Theme 3: Performance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High quality and innovative services are provided, giving value for money</li> <li>• Our employees are supported and developed</li> </ul>
<p><b>Briefly describe how the Budget Saving Proposal will impact on the Council Plan 2023/28 Themes.</b></p> <p>The external commissioning of individualised social opportunities and Day Service placements will ensure business opportunities for external providers in the Inverclyde area. The quality of placements will ensure that service users are provided with a safe and caring environment which will be beneficial to their support needs.</p>	

#### 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	Consultation with service providers, service users and carers not yet taken place. Consultation to be completed with staff, service users and their family members.
Research	
Officers' knowledge and experience (including feedback from frontline staff)	Knowledge of capacity within commissioned services.

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Equalities monitoring data	
User feedback (including complaints)	To be gathered
Stakeholders  Other	Service Users Carers HSCP Staff Representatives from Commissioned Services
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.**

All service users receiving day support will be reviewed on an annual basis. Monitoring is in place regarding demand and supply of day opportunities and development of more day opportunities/community social assets, such as warm hand of friendship should be incorporated.

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	Date: 15/01/24
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	Date: 05/02/2024

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