

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

Savings Proposal - Gypsy/Travellers

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1. Overview

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

IIA carried out to assess impact on potential savings to Gypsy/Traveller budget

During screening 4 of 10 questions indicated that detailed assessments were required, the screening questions and their answers are listed in the next section. This led to 3 out of 5 detailed impact assessments being completed. The assessments required are:

- Childrens' Rights and Wellbeing
- Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty
- Town Centres First

In total there are 0 positive impacts as part of this activity. There are 0 negative impacts, all impacts have been mitigated.

A detailed action plan with 2 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by alexander.macleod@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?	Yes
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?	Yes
Does this activity / proposal / policy impact on inequality of outcome?	No
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?	Yes

3. Impact Assessments

Children's Rights and Wellbeing	No Negative Impacts Identified
Climate Change and Sustainability	Not Required
Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty	No Negative Impacts Identified
Health Inequalities	Not Required
Town Centre's First	No Negative Impacts Identified

4. Childrens' Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment

4.1. Wellbeing Indicators

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Safe		Yes		
Healthy		Yes		
Achieving		Yes		
Nurtured		Yes		
Active		Yes		
Respected		Yes		
Responsible		Yes		
Included		Yes		

4.2. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Other Evidence	Gypsy/Traveller Sub Committee Action Plan	Welfare and well being of children is of paramount importance.	Children's rights are incorporated into actions and strategies.

4.3. Accounting for the Views of Children and Young People

No formal consultation was carried out prior to suggesting budget saving measure.

4.4. Promoting the Wellbeing of Children and Young People

Children within the travelling community will still be supported by the GTLO and other services where appropriate by providing them with educational support or remaining with family support on site which contribute positively to their mental health and life changes.

4.5. Upholding Children and Young People's Rights

Children within the travelling community will still be supported by the GTLO and other services where appropriate. This should not be effected by this budget saving.

4.6. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

No negative impacts have been identified as service provision can still be provided within current resources.

5. Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty Impact Assessment

5.1. 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		

5.2. Socio-economic Groups

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Low income		Yes		
Low wealth		Yes		
Material deprivation		Yes		
Area deprivation		Yes		
Socioeconomic background		Yes		

5.3. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Internal Consultation	Local intelligence gathering.	The Gypsy/Traveller community have experienced difficulties in securing suitable alternative, culturally appropriate accommodation. Data suggests a short fall in site provision for Gypsy/ Travellers particularly from October - April.	If making accommodation available all year, there is an increased revenue benefit to the Council as income can be used to offset any budget saving ensuring service levels remain consistent.

5.4. Engagement with affected groups

Engagement with the Gypsy/Traveller community has been around site provision rather than budget saving, however it has confirmed that there is a demand for site availability,

5.5. Ensuring engagement with protected groups

Yes, meetings with the group and feedback suggestions.

5.6. Evidence of engagement

Meetings held and minutes recorded. Permission being sought from sub committee for agreement to leave sites open all year where save to do so to allow for more suitable accommodation availability.

5.7. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

The level of service provision should not be effected by budget savings as more availability on sites, should led to an increase in income.

5.8. Improving Relations

Regular meetings with residents are held and noted to ensure that their views/feedback are taken on board.

5.9. Opportunities of Equality

The proposed budget saving shouldn't effect the opportunity for advancing equality. With a reduction in the budget, opportunities shouldn't be effected as service can still b e delivered.

6. Town Centre's First Impact Assessment

6.1. Local Factors

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Town centre assets		Yes		
Footfall		Yes		
Changes to road layouts		Yes		
Parking		Yes		
Infrastructure changes		Yes		
Aesthetics of the town centre		Yes		
Tourism		Yes		
Public safety		Yes		
Town centre business		Yes		
Cultural heritage and identity		Yes		
Social and cultural aspects		Yes		

6.2. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Internal Data	vidence Source Anecdotal evidence through the engagement with Site Assistant and Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer.	The residents contribute to town centre services.	Benefits the local economy

6.3. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

Facilities living on the site will benefit the town as they will be using facilities and contributing to the economy of the area. The proposed budget saving will not impact on this.

7. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
Monitor income levels	<p>Lead Officer Hannah McSherry</p> <p>Repeating Activity No</p> <p>Planned Start Monday October 02, 2023</p> <p>Planned Finish Monday March 31, 2025</p> <p>Expected Outcome Ensure rent is being collected timeously and robust procedures in place to deal with arrears.</p> <p>Resource Implications Within existing resources</p>
Maximise grant funding	<p>Lead Officer Hannah McSherry</p> <p>Repeating Activity No</p> <p>Planned Start Monday October 02, 2023</p> <p>Planned Finish Monday March 31, 2025</p> <p>Expected Outcome Monitor sources of funding to improve site facilities. This should include bidding for Scottish Government grant funding available.</p> <p>Resource Implications Within current resources</p>