Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

Budget Savings 24-25 Closure of Ellon Roads Depot - Possible Budget Saving

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1. Overview

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

Close Ellon Roads Depot and sell the asset, with squads being moved to either Inverurie, Turriff or possibly Balmedie Quarry. Consideration around Landscape Colleagues still to be discussed, but a % of the existing site could be retained for their use.

During screening 1 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:

Town Centres First

In total there are 2 positive impacts as part of this activity. There are 0 negative impacts, all impacts have been mitigated.

A detailed action plan with 1 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by philip.mckay@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?	No
Is this activity / proposal / policy of strategic importance for the council?	No
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?	No

3. Impact Assessments

Children's Rights and Wellbeing

Climate Change and Sustainability

Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty

Health Inequalities

Not Required

Not Required

Town Centre's First No Negative Impacts Identified

4. Town Centre's First Impact Assessment

4.1. 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		

4.2. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Footfall	Should the site be approved for housing then it may increase the footfall within Ellon
Town centre business	Increased footfall will have a positive impact on the economic environment of small local shops.

4.3. Evidence

Туре	Source	It says?	It Means?
Internal Data	Q&R study	distances from our existing depot locations can cover the majority of Formartine without the need for Ellon Depot. We also struggle to recruit ion Ellon.	Minimal impact on closing the depot

4.4. Information Gaps

Need to ascertain a change in use would be acceptable and the cost implication of relocating staff.

4.5. Measures to fill Information Gaps

Measure	Timescale
Review with the planning team	TBC

4.6. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

We can reimburse staff for the change in base as per our existing policies. The numbers are very ow at Ellon and would have no real impact on the Town Centre should they be relocated to another depot as the depot is not located within the town centre		

5. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details	
Should this be considered, potential planning issues would have to be discussed on the change of use of the existing depot site	Lead Officer	Philip Leiper
	Repeating Activity	No
	Planned Start	Monday April 01, 2024
	Planned Finish	Friday September 27, 2024
	Expected Outcome	Should this be taken forward as a saving, then sell of Ellon depot and relocate existing staff, plant and equipment.
	Resource Implications	Limited staff availability to work on this action plan due to competing demands on the service.