

# Aberdeenshire Council

## Integrated Impact Assessment

### Budget Proposals 24/25 - Supply of Community Bedding Plants

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# 1. Overview

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

It is proposed to revise the provision and supply of community bedding plants following consultation with the relevant communities. This consultation is seen as key in order to gauge the need, volume and type of bedding plant requirements. In addition, the impact on town centres and wider communities plus any mitigations provided through working alongside local groups can be assessed. This in turn will inform the appropriate business model for this service including a charging policy for the plants. A part year saving of £20,000 by introducing some charging and reducing costs is planned for 2024/25 with a full year saving of £91,000 from 2025/26.

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 0 positive impacts as part of this activity. There are 2 negative impacts, of these negative impacts, 1 have been mitigated and 0 cannot be mitigated satisfactorily.

A detailed action plan with 1 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by alan.wood@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	Not Required
Climate Change and Sustainability	Not Required
Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty	Not Required
Health Inequalities	Not Required
Town Centre's First	Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated

## 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. Negative Impacts and Mitigations

Impact Area	Details and Mitigation
Aesthetics of the town centre	Less colourful and attractive floral displays which could disadvantage local aesthetics. <b>No mitigation has been entered for this impact.</b>
Aesthetics of the town centre	Reduction in quantity of decorative bedding could be seen as detrimental to some areas <b>No mitigation has been entered for this impact.</b>

### 4.3. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Internal Consultation	Discussions with local Landscape Teams	Historical activities have been labour intensive and costly, including the growing-on and supply of bedding plants.	Reduction in budget will result in this activity being unsustainable and more community involvement will be encouraged.

### 4.4. Overall Outcome

Only Some Negative Impacts Can Be Mitigated.

We can encourage communities to engage with our Greenspace Officers and benefit from their guidance in seeking alternative planting schemes and to benefit from opportunities to receive non-annual plants and bulbs via Greenspace and partner agency initiatives. Not all communities will take advantage of the opportunity for alternative planting schemes.

Essential budget saving proposal.

## 5. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
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