

#### **Midlothian Council**

### **Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) of Budget Proposals**

#### 2016

Name of Budget Saving	Cease the Ring and Go service
Department and service area	Travel and Fleet Services
Completion Date	5 October 2016
Lead officer	Ricky Moffat

## **Aims and Objectives**

The aim is to Cease the Ring and Go service which is available to the general public in restricted areas.

Yes

1. Does the proposed budget saving affect people?

2. What is/are the reason(s) for your proposed budget saving?

The budget saving is put forward to meet the Council's overall budget deficit.

# 3. Impact

Which of the protected characteristics\* will the proposed budget saving have an impact upon?

Equality Target Group*	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Relevant evidence/ information
Age		There will be reduced support to access public transport	
Disability		There will be reduced support to access public transport.	
Gender Reassignment			
Marriage & Civil Partnership			
Pregnancy and maternity		There will be reduced support to access public transport	
Race		There will be reduced support to access public transport	
Religion or Belief			
Sex			
Sexual Orientation			

4. How will the implementation of the proposed budget saving be communicated to those affected by any changes?
A final decision will be taken by Council and this information be made available to users thereafter in all required formats.
5. How will you monitor the impact of the changes proposed? When is the budget due to be reviewed?
The number of complaints will be monitored and reported to Council in due course.
6. Please use the space below to detail any other matters arising from the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) process.
Ring and Go has 296 users who pay the normal bus fare with the Council paying the difference which takes the user to the nearest bus stop. This proposal would only affect those in the Cousland area.

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