

Midlothian



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Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) of Budget Proposals

2016

Name of Budget Saving	Legal Fees - Licensing
Department and service area	Resources, Legal Services
Completion Date	10 October 2016
Lead officer	Alan Turpie

Aims and Objectives

1. Does the proposed budget saving affect people?

Yes

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2. What is/are the reason(s) for your proposed budget saving? The current level of liquor licensing fees do not accurately reflect the cost to the Council of providing the Licensing Service as required by law. An increase in the fees, proportionally equal across all bands of licensed premises will resolve this problem and bring the Council into line with the neighbouring Lothian and Borders Councils.

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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	None	Possible effect if cost of fee reflected in prices charged.	The fee increase will be applied equally to all premises in each band. The same proportional level of increase will also be applied to each band. The bands are based on the rateable value of the premises.
Disability	None	Possible effect if cost of fee reflected in prices charged.	See above
Gender Reassignment	None	None	See above
Marriage & Civil Partnership	None	None	See above
Pregnancy and maternity	None	None	See above
Race	None	None	See above
Religion or Belief	None	None	See above

Sex	None	None	See above
Sexual Orientation	None	None	See above

4. How will the implementation of the proposed budget saving be communicated to those affected by any changes?

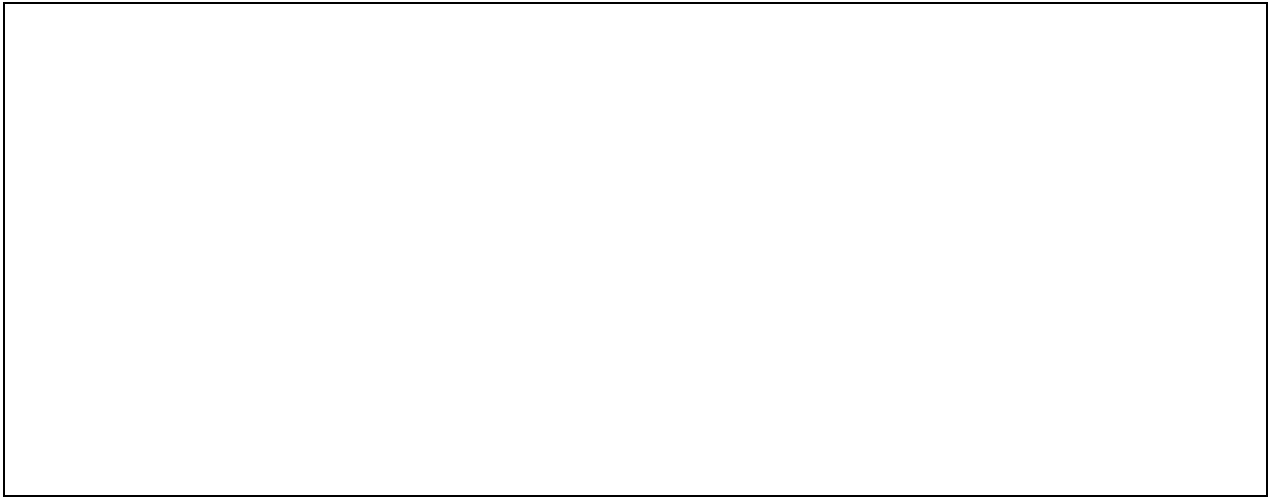
Any changes to the level of fees will be posted on the Council's website and also advised to the service users by way of the annual fee letter issued in September each year. If required communications can be provided in alternative formats.

5. How will you monitor the impact of the changes proposed? When is the budget due to be reviewed?

The income and expenditure relating to the licensing board will be monitored on a quarterly basis and reviewed every year.

6. Please use the space below to detail any other matters arising from the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) process.

N/a



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