



Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) of Budget Proposals

Name of Budget Saving	Share catering management with neighbouring Local Authority
Department and service area	Property & Facilities Management - Catering
Completion Date	13 September 2017
Lead officer	Garry Sheret

Aims and Objectives

The aim is to share the management of school meal production between two local authorities reducing the staff costs.

1. Does the proposed budget saving affect people? Yes

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	Opportunity for VSER if desired following the mini service review.	A reduced management structure will mean a reduction in staff FTEs.	Sickness absence / holiday cover will be further reduced.
Disability	Opportunity for VSER if desired following the mini service review.	A reduced management structure will mean a reduction in staff FTEs.	Sickness absence / holiday cover will be further reduced.
Gender Reassignment	Opportunity for VSER if desired following the mini service review.	A reduced management structure will mean a reduction in staff FTEs.	Sickness absence / holiday cover will be further reduced.
Marriage & Civil Partnership	Opportunity for VSER if desired following the mini service review.	A reduced management structure will mean a reduction in staff FTEs.	Sickness absence / holiday cover will be further reduced.
Pregnancy and maternity	Opportunity for VSER if desired following the mini service review.	A reduced management structure will mean a reduction in staff FTEs.	Sickness absence / holiday cover will be further reduced.
Race	Opportunity for VSER if desired following the mini service review.	A reduced management structure will mean a reduction in staff FTEs.	Sickness absence / holiday cover will be further reduced.
Religion or Belief	Opportunity for VSER if desired following the mini service review.	A reduced management structure will mean a reduction in staff FTEs.	Sickness absence / holiday cover will be further reduced.
Sex	Opportunity for VSER if desired following the mini service review.	A reduced management structure will mean a reduction in staff FTEs.	Sickness absence / holiday cover will be further reduced.
Sexual Orientation	Opportunity for VSER if desired following the mini service review.	A reduced management structure will mean a reduction in staff FTEs.	Sickness absence / holiday cover will be further reduced.

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 communicated to staff thereafter.

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

The number of complaints, feedback etc 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.

This will mean a reduction in staff numbers following negotiations with other local authorities but is dependent on successful cross council working.