



Name of Budget Saving	Review the number of football pitches
Department and service area	Land & Countryside Services
Completion Date	3 October 2016
Lead officer	Ricky Moffat

Aims and Objectives

The aim is to reduce the number of football pitches across Midlothian from 55 to 50, a reduction of 5. These areas would be turned into woodlands.

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?

As the areas will also be used for general recreation se they may impact on all protected characteristics.

Equality Target Group*	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Relevant evidence/ information
Age		Reduced availability of football/recreational area.	A study is currently underway to assess current useage.
Disability		Reduced availability of football/recreational area.	A study is currently underway to assess current useage.
Gender Reassignment			
Marriage & Civil Partnership			
Pregnancy and maternity			
Race			
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 thereafter in formats as required.

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

The number of complaints, measures of useage of remaining facilities will be 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.

Midlothian is considered to have a higher area of recreational/football space than similar authorities, however the study mentioned will look at actual need.

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