

## **Midlothian Council**

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

Name of Budget Saving	Increase Sport and Leisure fees and charges		
Department and service area	Property & Facilities Management – Sport & Leisure		
Completion Date	13 September 2017		
Lead officer	Garry Sheret		

Aims and Objectives				
Increase income by increasing charges by an additional 1% per annum				
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
		Increased costs to users	This is limited to a 1%
Age			increase to the charges.
		Increased costs to users	This is limited to a 1%
Disability			increase to the charges.
		Increased costs to users	This is limited to a 1%
Gender Reassignment			increase to the charges.
Marriage & Civil		Increased costs to users	This is limited to a 1%
Partnership			increase to the charges.
		Increased costs to users	This is limited to a 1%
Pregnancy and maternity			increase to the charges.
		Increased costs to users	This is limited to a 1%
Race			increase to the charges.
		Increased costs to users	This is limited to a 1%
Religion or Belief			increase to the charges.
		Increased costs to users	This is limited to a 1%
Sex			increase to the charges.
		Increased costs to users	This is limited to a 1%
Sexual Orientation			increase to the charges.

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 will be communicated to staff and unions 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, and benchmarking against others will be monitored and the savings 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 should be reviewed along with other fees, charges and grants. Concessionary rates will be unaffected.