



## Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) of Budget Proposals

2016

Name of Budget Saving	Increase School Lunch Charges by £0.15 average
Department and service area	Sport & Leisure, Resources
Completion Date	2016
Lead officer	Garry Sheret

### Aims and Objectives

1. Does the proposed budget saving affect people?

Yes

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No

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

Increase to charges in school lunch charges by an average of £0.15 per meal. Prices have not risen for three years. Increases would be less than £1 per week and still provide healthy sustenance during the school day.

### 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		x	All school aged children will be affected by increased charges and the ability to afford them. The increase however is benchmarked against other service providers to ensure value for money is maintained. Free school meals will remain unaffected.
Disability			
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?

This will be done through the usual medium of website notices, leaflets in Schools, social media and at Kitchen Serveries. In addition, information documents, as required, can be made available in different formats and languages. If an individual or group require this information in another language or format, then they should email [equalities@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@midlothian.gov.uk) or telephone the Equality, Diversity & Human Rights Officer on 0131 271 3658.

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

Increases will be benchmarked against other service providers in the area and maintained at competitive value for money levels.

Annual reviews.

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

Free school meals remain unaffected by this change.

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