

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Review of Charges – Roads & Transportation

There are 16 separate statutory and regulatory charges that are levied by the Roads & Transportation service:

Road construction consent fees – based on hourly rate
Street naming and house numbering
Tables and chair permits
Road opening permits (vehicular access)
Road opening permits (excavations)
Road closures for roadworks < 5 days
Roads closures > 5 days, and for all non roadworks needs (parades, events, charities)
Design services for street lighting
Charging for street lighting inspections for adoptions
Occupation of a road for skip/building materials etc. permission:
Traffic sensitive location - per month
Non-traffic sensitive location - per month
Scaffolding permits:
Traffic sensitive location – per month
Non-traffic sensitive location – per month
Inspection fees for new roads and Street Works Act (set by statute)
Tourist signage (brown signs) staff costs and manufacturing/installation costs
Switch off traffic lights for utilities etc.
On-street parking dispensation
Off-street parking suspension

Screening Process

Does the proposed saving involve or have consequences for the people the council serves or employs? Yes

If yes, proceed to step 1 of the Full Equality Impact Assessment below.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FULL ASSESSMENT

Step 1

What data/research is available to assess the likely impact of the proposed saving?

The impact is financial to account for the 3% increase in charges. The charges are compared with neighbouring authority or set by regulation.

Step 2

Is there any reason to believe the proposal could affect people differently due to their protected characteristic i.e. age; disability; gender; gender re-assignment; pregnancy/maternity; marriage and civil partnership; race; religion and belief; and sexual orientation? No.

Step 3

Is there evidence to suggest that any part of the proposed saving could unlawfully discriminate against people? No

Step 4

Can the proposed saving be seen to favour one section of the community or deny opportunities to another? No

Step 5

Does the proposed saving advance equality? No

Or restrict equality? No

Step 6

Based on the work you have done, please state the level of impact for any of the equality groups of the proposed saving in terms of high, medium, low, unknown.

Low impact.

Step 7

If during **Steps 2 - 5** there has been an adverse impact identified, consider if any adverse impact can be justified. N/A

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