

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

SCREENING DOCUMENT

Name of Proposal

Scottish Government Winter Hardship Payment – Report
seeking delegated authority to make payments

Lead Department/Service

Finance

What is the aim of the proposal?

The Report seeks delegated authority to make Winter Hardship Payments as requested by Scottish Government

Is this a new or a review of an existing policy, procedure, function or report?

This is a new proposal but is from Scottish Government rather than Angus Council

Screening Process

1. Has the proposal already been assessed for its impact on age; disability; gender; gender re-assignment; pregnancy/maternity; marriage and civil partnership; race; religion and belief; and sexual orientation? **If yes, go to 1 a. If no, go to 1 b.**

1 a. Unless there have been significant changes, no further action is required. **Please add your name, position and date below at 3.**

1 b. Does the proposal involve or have consequences for the people the council serves or employs? **If yes, go to 2. If no, go to 1 c.**

1 c. Please state why not

The proposal is not relevant and no further action is required. Sign and date below at 3.

2. Is the proposal relevant to one or more of the protected characteristics? **If yes, go to 2 a. If no, go to 2 b.**

2 a. Proceed to Step 1 of the Full Equality Impact Assessment on page 2.

2 b. Please state why not

The proposal not relevant and no further action is required. Add your name, position and date below at 3.

3. Name:

Position:

Date:

FULL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Step 1

Are there any statutory legal requirements affecting this proposal? If so please describe.

It is expected that Scottish Government will direct the Council to make these payments under a statutory procedure but at the time of writing this hasn't been confirmed

Step 2

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

Angus Council has not undertaken any research. Data used is that which we hold on eligibility for free school meals which is the basis for the payment

Step 3

Is there any reason to believe the proposal could affect people differently due to their protected characteristic ie age; disability; gender; gender re-assignment; pregnancy/maternity; marriage and civil partnership; race; religion and belief; and sexual orientation? Please **place a cross** in each box that applies, and give details alongside.

Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed payment will have a positive impact on young people who are eligible for this additional payment _____
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Gender Re-assignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Pregnancy/maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Marriage and civil Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Religion and belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Step 4

Is there evidence to suggest that any part of the proposal could unlawfully discriminate against people? If so, how?

No – although only some families will be eligible for the payment it is common to apply criteria as to who can receive such state benefits

Step 5

Can the proposal be seen to favour one section of the community

Yes No

or deny opportunities to another?

Yes No

If yes, please give details.

The payment will favour those eligible in comparison to those who are not but the payment is effectively means tested so its made to those most in need

Step 6

Does the proposal advance or restrict equality?

Yes No

If yes, give details

Step 7

Are there any other actions which could have been taken to enhance equality of opportunity?

If so please state

Step 8

Based on the work you have done, rate the level of relevance being allocated to this proposal.

High Medium Low Unknown

Step 9

If during **Steps 3 - 6** there has been an adverse impact identified, consider whether this can be justified.

Yes No

If yes please give details.

Not applicable

If no, consider alternative ways of delivering the proposal to minimise negative impact or eliminate unlawful discrimination. Give details of the changes to be made to the proposal.

Step 10

Do you need to carry out a further impact assessment?

Yes No

If yes, what actions do you need to take?

Step 11

Make arrangements to monitor and review the impact assessment.

N/a

Step 12

Publish impact assessment.

Where will the Equality Impact Assessment be published?

The EIA will be published along with the Report for Council on 17 December 2020

Please state your name, position and date, and forward this pro forma either to your designated Equality Impact Assessment Co-ordinator, or if it refers to a committee report, it should be forwarded with the report to committee services.

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