

### Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment Form

#### Name of Proposal

Savings derived from funding provided for additional school staff by Scottish Government as part of the base budget from April 2022

#### Step 2

Is this only a **screening** Equality Impact Assessment No

(B) If you have answered No to the above, please indicate the following:

Is this a full Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Is this a Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment	No

If you have answered Yes to either or both of the above, continue with Step 3.

If your proposal is a **<u>strategy</u>** please ensure you complete Step 13 which is the Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment.

#### Step 3

(i)Lead Directorate/Service: Education & Lifelong Learning

(ii)Are there any **relevant** statutory requirements affecting this proposal? If so, please describe.

This funding has been provided by Scottish Government for the purpose of additional teaching and support staff to support educational recovery

(iii)What is the aim of the proposal? Please give full details.

To utilise the Scottish Government funding as saving rather than employing additional permanent teaching staff to aid educational recovery.

(iv)ls it a new proposal? Yes

#### Step 4: Which people does your proposal involve or have consequences for?

Please indicate all which apply:

Employees Yes

Job Applicants	Yes
Service users	Yes

Members of the public No

# Step 5: List the evidence/data/research that has been used in this assessment (links to data sources, information etc which you may find useful are in the Guidance). This could include:

Service data on workforce, capacities and spend

#### Step 6: Evidence Gaps.

Are there any gaps in the equality information you currently hold? No

**Step 7:** Are there potential differential impacts on protected characteristic groups? Please complete for each group, including details of the potential impact on those affected. Please remember to take into account any particular impact resulting from **Covid-19**.

#### Age Impact – negative

Any reduction in teacher numbers may impact the capacity of schools to further their improvement agenda. A reduction in teacher numbers may result in a reduction in the variety of courses being offered to young people, especially in the senior phase. In addition it would limit the ability to offer targeted support to groups of children and young people to support them to recover lost learning.

With regards recruitment and workforce development utilising this funding as a saving will directly impact on the Council's need to recruit newly qualified staff.

#### Disability Impact – neutral

Gender reassignment Impact - neutral

Marriage and Civil Partnership Impact - neutral

Pregnancy/Maternity Impact - neutral

Race - (includes Gypsy Travellers) Impact - neutral

Religion or Belief Impact - neutral

Sex Impact - neutral

Sexual orientation Impact - neutral

#### Step 8: Consultation with any of the groups potentially affected

If you have consulted with any group potentially affected, please give details of how this was done and what the results were.

N/A

If you have not consulted with any group potentially affected, how have you ensured that you can make an informed decision about mitigating action of any negative impact (Step 9)?

### Step 9: What mitigating steps will be taken to remove or reduce potentially negative impacts?

Head Teachers will deliver a curriculum based on the staffing budget available to them. not receiving the funding for additional staff will impact the curricular offer and the level of support provided to children and young people

### Step 10: If a potentially negative impact has been identified, please state below the justification.

Angus Council ELL currently meets the required teacher:pupil ratio

**Step 11: In what way does this proposal contribute to any or all of the public sector equality duty to**: eliminate unlawful discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations between people of different protected characteristics?

N/A

Step 12: Is there any action which could be taken to advance equalities in relation to this proposal?

N/A

Step 14: What arrangements will be put in place to monitor and review the Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment?

N/A

## Step 15: Where will this Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment be published?

On the Council website with the committee report.

#### Step 16: Sign off and Authorisation. Please state name, post, and date for each:

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