



## Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment Form

(To be completed with reference to Guidance Notes)

### Step 1

**Name of Proposal** (includes e. g. budget savings, committee reports, strategies, policies, procedures, service reviews, functions):

Revenues & Benefits Budget Savings Proposal 2022/23 to delete 2.7 posts

### Step 2

Is this only a **screening** Equality Impact Assessment

No

**(A)** If Yes, please choose from the following options **all** reasons why a full EIA/FSD is not required:

(i) It does not impact on people

Yes/No

(ii) It is a percentage increase in fees which has no differential impact on protected characteristics

Yes/No

(iii) It is for information only

Yes/No

(iv) It is reflective e.g. of budget spend over a financial year

Yes/No

(v) It is technical

Yes/No

If you have answered yes to any of points above, please go to **Step 16**, and sign off the Assessment.

**(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 **strategy** please ensure you complete Step 13 which is the Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment.

### Step 3

(i)Lead Directorate/Service: Finance

(ii)Are there any **relevant** statutory requirements affecting this proposal? If so, please describe. No

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

The aim of the proposal is to contribute toward the Councils savings requirements for 2022/23.

(iv)Is it a new proposal?      Yes      Please indicate      OR

Is it a review of e.g. an existing budget saving, report, strategy, policy, service review, procedure or function?      Yes/No      Please indicate

### 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	Yes

**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:**

**Internal data** (e.g. customer satisfaction surveys; equality monitoring data; customer complaints).

The savings proposed consist of posts that have been vacant for the majority of 2021/22 with no detrimental impact on service delivery and are not directly responsible for any increase in the level of complaints.

**Internal consultation** (e.g. with staff, trade unions and any other services affected).

The managers of the areas of the service that are currently carrying these vacancies have been consulted.

**External data** (e.g. Census, equality reports, equality evidence finder, performance reports, research, available statistics)

N/A

**External consultation** (e.g. partner organisations, national organisations, community groups, other councils.

N/A

**Other** (general information as appropriate).

N/A

### **Step 6: Evidence Gaps.**

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

If yes, please state what they are, and what measures you will take to obtain the evidence you need.

### **Step 7: Are there potential differential impacts on protected characteristic groups?**

No

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**.

**Please state if there is a potentially positive, negative, neutral or unknown impact for each group. Please state the reason(s) why.**

Age

#### **Impact**

None – service provision has not been adversely affected by having these vacant posts so their permanent removal is not expected to have any differential impacts.

Disability

#### **Impact**

None – service provision has not been adversely affected by having these vacant posts so their permanent removal is not expected to have any differential impacts.

Gender reassignment

**Impact**

None – service provision has not been adversely affected by having these vacant posts so their permanent removal is not expected to have any differential impacts.

Marriage and Civil Partnership

**Impact**

None – service provision has not been adversely affected by having these vacant posts so their permanent removal is not expected to have any differential impacts.

Pregnancy/Maternity

**Impact**

None – service provision has not been adversely affected by having these vacant posts so their permanent removal is not expected to have any differential impacts.

Race - (includes Gypsy Travellers)

**Impact**

None – service provision has not been adversely affected by having these vacant posts so their permanent removal is not expected to have any differential impacts.

Religion or Belief

**Impact**

None – service provision has not been adversely affected by having these vacant posts so their permanent removal is not expected to have any differential impacts.

Sex

**Impact**

None – service provision has not been adversely affected by having these vacant posts so their permanent removal is not expected to have any differential impacts.

Sexual orientation

**Impact**

None – service provision has not been adversely affected by having these vacant posts so their permanent removal is not expected to have any differential impacts.

**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?**

Performance of the service is continually monitored & service re-design is a constant consideration.

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

N/A

**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 13: FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY**

This step is only applicable to **strategies** which are key, high level decisions. If your proposal is **not** a strategy, please leave this Step blank, and go to Step 14.

Links to data sources, information etc which you may find useful are in the Guidance.

**Step 13(A) What evidence do you have about any socio-economic disadvantage/inequalities of outcome in relation to this strategic issue?**

**Step 13(B) Please state if there are any gaps in socio-economic evidence for this strategy and how you will take measures to gather the evidence you need.**

**Step 13(C) Are there any potential impacts this strategy may have specifically on the undernoted groupings? Please remember to take into account any particular impact resulting from Covid-19.**

**Please state if there is a potentially positive, negative, neutral or unknown impact for each grouping.**

**Low and/or No Wealth** (e.g. those with enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future).

**Impact**

**Material Deprivation** (i.e. those unable to access basic goods and services e.g. repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure and hobbies).

**Impact**

**Area Deprivation** (i.e. where people live (e.g. rural areas), or where they work (e.g. accessibility of transport).

**Impact**

**Socio-economic Background** i.e. social class including parents' education, people's employment and income.

**Impact**

**Other** – please indicate

**Step 13(D) Please state below if there are measures which could be taken to reduce socio-economic disadvantage/inequalities of outcome.**

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

The impact of the deletion of the posts on service delivery will be reviewed again for the 2023/24 budget process.

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

Alongside Council budget reports for the Special Council meeting on 3 March 2022

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

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NB. There are several worked examples of separate EIA and FSD Assessments in the Guidance which may be of use to you.

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