



## Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment Form

### Step 1

**Name of Proposal** (includes e. g. budget savings, committee reports, strategies, policies, procedures, service reviews, functions): **LONG TERM PLAN FOR TOWNS – ARBROATH**

### 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 **No**
- (ii) It is a percentage increase in fees which has no differential impact on protected characteristics **No**
- (iii) It is for information only **No**
- (iv) It is reflective e.g. of budget spend over a financial year **No**
- (v) It is technical **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: Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth

(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.

**To seek approval for the distribution of the Long Term Plan for Towns Fund with Angus Council as Accountable Body and through the establishment of a Town Board to oversee spend on projects.**

(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?      No      Please indicate

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

Please indicate all which apply:

Employees                      **Yes**

Job Applicants                **No**

Service users                 **No**

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). **N/A**

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

**Following the announcement of the funding in March 2024, there has been internal discussions to identify the resource implications for staff in supporting the setting up the new Town Board and the development of an Investment Plan.**

**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).

**Consultation will commence once approval given at committee to proceed.**

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

**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?** 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** – Positive. The proposals aim to address the impacts of climate change and support improvements to biodiversity. In particular the Learning for Sustainability Coordinator will see additional resource to support young people.

Disability

**Impact** – Positive

Gender reassignment

**Impact** – Positive

Marriage and Civil Partnership

**Impact** - Positive

Pregnancy/Maternity

**Impact** - Positive

Race - (includes Gypsy Travellers)

**Impact** - Positive

Religion or Belief

**Impact** – Positive

Sex

**Impact** - Positive

Sexual orientation

**Impact** - Positive

**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.

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)?

**Once consultation and engagement starts, we will be better placed to consider mitigating actions as required.**

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

**No Negative impacts have been identified.**

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

No negative impacts have been identified

**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?

The Fund aims to provide investment in Arbroath to improve the lives of those who live, work and visit there. It will aim to include the reduction of inequality, all projects will be inclusive and many involve or will benefit the wider community including all Protected Characteristic Groups as set out in Step 7.

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

**The Town Board could consider adding criteria to the fund in the selection of projects.**

### **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?**

A condition will be added to the Grant award letter. The EIA will be monitored as projects develop.

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

The EIA will be published alongside the committee report.

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

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