

Equality and Rights Impact Assessment

2015-2018 Budget Summary Report

What budget option does this ERIA information relate to?

Supporting supported accommodation providers to claim Intensive Housing Benefits	
Option number	HSC12
Savings proposal	Supporting supported accommodation providers to claim Intensive Housing Benefits
Division	Chief Social Work Officer's Branch
Service area	Contracts Management & Market Shaping
Description of savings proposal	
<p>An opportunity to broaden the scope of contracted providers' claims for Housing Benefit on behalf of service users to include Intensive Housing Benefit (IHB) has been identified. IHB is designed to meet the cost of carrying out non-care tasks in supported living settings, such as cleaning and maintaining health and safety in supported accommodation services. Where claims are successful the Council will end its current contribution to the costs of carrying out these tasks, which are currently included within the costs of care. Anticipated savings will be achieved with no adverse impacts on service users or providers.</p>	

What are the main impacts of this option on rights?

<p>Impacts on service users and carers are positive in that they will be assisted to claim all benefits to which they are entitled. Any reduction in Council contribution to their care costs will be offset by additional IHB income.</p>
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What are the main impacts of this option on equality?

<p>As above.</p>

What are the main recommendations to address either the positive or negative impacts?

<p>Monitor progress.</p>

Sign Off (print name and position and contact details)

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Carbon Impact Assessment Template

BUDGET OPTION (number/title/details)	HSC12: Supporting supported accommodation providers to claim Intensive Housing Benefits			
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To record your assessment put an X in the appropriate columns below.				
COUNCIL CARBON EMISSIONS	IMPACTS			NOTES
	↓	↑	↔	
WASTE to landfill			x	No impacts
BUILDINGS energy usage			x	
INFRASTRUCTURE energy usage			x	
TRANSPORT fuel consumption			x	

↓ = *anticipated decrease in emissions*

↑ = *anticipated increase in emissions*

↔ = *no change anticipated*