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Document Title: PERIOD PRODUCTS (FREE PROVISION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2021

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Document Description:

Report outlines the requirements of the Free Period Product (Scotland) Act and how these will be implemented in Dundee by August 2022

Intended Outcome:

Ensure that those who require access to free period products are able to do so in an easy and dignified manner.

How will the proposal be monitored:

Annual returns to the Scottish Government are required to be completed detailing numbers and types of products as well as expenditure incurred. Officers within Chief Executive's Services will gather this data and monitor expenditure going forward. The availability and uptake across premises will be monitored to identify fluctuations in demand, product types required and as well as assessing and addressing any identified gaps in provision. As more data becomes available we will also undertake targeted locality communication as needed.

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A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:

Age:	Positive
Disability:	Positive
Gender Reassignment:	Positive
Marriage and Civil Partnership:	No Impact
Pregnancy and Maternity:	Positive
Race/Ethnicity:	Positive
Religion or Belief:	No Impact
Sex:	Positive
Sexual Orientation:	Positive

Equality and diversity Implications:

Access must be made available in an easily accessible and dignified manner, consideration needs to be given to those with barriers to accessing products

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

Consultation took place prior to the report with the general public and specific barrier groups, the home delivery method was the most preferred option for these groups as it provides a dignified manner with no discrimination to who can order.

Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA: No

B. Fairness and Poverty Impacts:

Geography

Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton):	Positive
Lochee(Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill):	Positive
Coldside(Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside):	Positive
Maryfield(Stobswell and City Centre):	Positive
North East(Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains):	Positive
East End(Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas):	Positive
The Ferry:	Positive
West End:	Positive

Household Group

Lone Parent Families:	Positive
Greater Number of children and/or Young Children:	Positive
Pensioners - Single/Couple:	No Impact
Single female households with children:	Positive
Unskilled workers or unemployed:	Positive
Serious and enduring mental health problems:	Positive
Homeless:	Positive
Drug and/or alcohol problems:	No Impact
Offenders and Ex-offenders:	No Impact
Looked after children and care leavers:	Positive
Carers:	Positive

Significant Impact

Employment:

Positive

Education and Skills:

Positive

Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation:

Positive

Childcare:

No Impact

Affordability and Accessibility of services:

Positive

Fairness and Poverty Implications:

No negative implications, implementation of the Act will ensure universal provision of access to free period products via schools and the community

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

Products are available in all communities across the City in easily accessible community buildings such as community centres, libraries, GP surgeries, food projects and schools and colleges. The home delivery option provides direct delivery to a home address of all residents across the City. Provision is given to a number of specific groups such as young carers, homelessness facilities, young persons residential homes and various health service providers.

C. Environmental Impacts

Climate Change

Mitigating greenhouse gases:	No Impact
Adapting to the effects of climate change:	No Impact

Resource Use

Energy efficiency and consumption:	No Impact
Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling waste:	Positive
Sustainable Procurement:	Positive

Transport

Accessible transport provision:	No Impact
Sustainable modes of transport:	No Impact

Natural Environment

Air, land and water quality:	No Impact
Biodiversity:	No Impact
Open and green spaces:	No Impact

Built Environment

Built Heritage:	No Impact
Housing:	No Impact

Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

Reusable products are currently offered within schools directly and a wide choice is given to residents via the home delivery service from a social enterprise partner Hey Girls. All products are made from sustainable materials and plastic free, Hey Girls donate 10% of costs to help restore degraded habitats. Educational material on the benefits of reusables over single use is provided in schools and via the DCC website.

Environmental Implications:

No negative implications, the guidelines of the Act outlines that consideration should be given to the environmental impact of single use products and offer a reusable option

D. Corporate Risk Impacts

Corporate Risk Implications:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are 'business as normal' risks. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant loss. There is comfort that the risks inherent within the activity are either transferred to another party, shared equally and fairly between the Council and another party or are negligible.

Corporate Risk Mitigating Actions: None

