

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination

Notice of the Determination that the proposed East Dunbartonshire Council Health and Social Partnership: Adult Learning Disability Strategy will not require to go through the Strategic Environmental Assessment process

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

As required under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, East Dunbartonshire Council has reviewed the likely significance of the environmental effects of the proposed Adult Learning Disability Strategy.

East Dunbartonshire Council has made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Strategy is unlikely to result in significant environmental effects. The Adult Learning Disability Strategy will therefore not be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

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Relevant Documents:

- SEA Screening Determination Notification to Consultation Authorities on 6th March 2018
- Screening Report submitted to Consultation Authorities on 13th February 2018
- Responses from the Consultation Authorities:
 - Covering Letter from Scottish Government SEA Gateway
 - Response from Historic Environment Scotland
 - Response from Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
 - Response from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)

SCREENING REPORT

STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

Responsible Authority:

East Dunbartonshire Council (Partners: NHS, Third & Independent Sectors and Public, Service & Carer Groups)

Title of the plan:

Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) Adult Learning Disability Strategy

What prompted the plan:

(e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)

Expectation of the national Learning Disability Strategy 'The Keys to Life'

Plan subject:

(e.g. transport)

Adult Learning Disability

Screening is required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Based on Boxes 3 and 4, our view is that:

An SEA is required, as the environmental effects are likely to be significant: Please indicate below what Section of the 2005 Act this plan falls within

Section 5(3)

Section 5(4)

An SEA is not required, as the environmental effects are unlikely to be significant: Please indicate below what Section of the 2005 Act this plan falls within

Section 5(3)

Section 5(4)

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Date:

13th February 2018

STEP 2 – CONTEXT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

Context of the Plan:

The Adult Learning Disability Strategy (ALDS) sits beneath the Health and Social Care Partnership's (HSCP) overarching Strategic Plan in response to the national Learning Disability Strategy 'Keys to Life'. The ALDS aims to set out a vision and improvement themes for HSCP Learning Disability services with a commitment to the following vision:

Working together to deliver better outcomes for people with learning disabilities, and their families and carers

Description of the Plan:

The Strategy will set the local context (people, services and costs), the policy agenda in which what the HSCP are trying to achieve and why including statutory obligations, how well the services are being provided based on stakeholder views, and the improvement priorities. It will also set out a vision as well as 6 Improvement Themes. This will then subsequently be developed into an Improvement Plan to take forward actions for improving adult learning disability services.

What are the key components of the plan?

The key components of the Strategy known at this stage in the development of the Strategy are a vision and draft objectives.

Vision

Working together to deliver better outcomes for people with learning disabilities, and their families and carers

Objectives

1. To review all the national and local policy expectations, together with the expressed views of local people, staff and other stakeholders;
2. To consider how well we are meeting the needs of local people with learning disabilities and their carers; and,
3. To set out the priorities for improvement and development, in order for that the Health and Social Care Partnership can ensure the provision of high quality, effective, sustainable services in the future.

Have any of the components of the plan been considered in previous SEA work?

None of the components have been considered in previous SEA work.

In terms of your response to Boxes 7 and 8 above, set out those components of the plan that are likely to require screening:

The components likely to require screening are the draft vision and objectives.

**STEP 3 – IDENTIFYING INTERACTIONS OF THE PLAN WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND
CONSIDERING THE LIKELY SIGNIFICANCE OF ANY INTERACTIONS (Error! Reference source not found.)**

Plan Components	Environmental Topic Areas										Explanation of Potential Environmental Effects	Explanation of Significance
	Biodiversity, flora and fauna	Population and human health	Soil	Water	Air	Climatic factors	Material assets	Cultural heritage	Landscape	Inter-relationship issues		
<u>Vision</u> Working together to deliver better outcomes for people with learning disabilities, and their families and carers	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	This Vision is likely to have potential effects on Population and Human Health primarily due to its focus on delivering better outcomes for the learning disability community and their families and carers specifically.	The significance of this component will depend on the actions taken to meet it. However it is likely that effects will be localised and therefore will have a minor significant impact.
<u>Obj. 1.</u> To review all the national and local policy expectations, together with the expressed views of local people, staff and other stakeholders.	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Both objective 1 and 2 have the potential to have effects on Population and Human Health in terms of involving those that require the services to share their views to shape future delivery of the services and therefore by presenting secondary positive impacts to key stakeholders when delivering actions.	It is likely that potential effects will be minor and each of these objectives is operational in nature to a certain extent. Therefore it is anticipated that impacts to the environment, in particular Population and Human Health , are unlikely to be significant.
<u>Obj. 2.</u> To consider how well we are meeting the needs of local people with learning disabilities and their carers.	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
<u>Obj. 3.</u> To set out the priorities for	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Meeting this objective will target actions that will ensure provision of future services which is likely to	Similarly to the vision, the significance of this component will depend on the actions taken to meet

improvement and development, in order for that the Health and Social Care Partnership can ensure the provision of high quality, effective, sustainable services in the future.											present both short and long term positive benefits to Population and Human Health .	it. However it is likely that effects will be localised and therefore will have a minor significant impact.
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STEP 4 – STATEMENT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE SCREENING

Summary of interactions with the environment and statement of the findings of the Screening:
(Including an outline of the likely significance of any interactions, positive or negative, and explanation of conclusion of the screening exercise.)

The Screening process has indicated that, whilst there is the potential for some minor positive impacts to **Population and Human Health**, it is anticipated that the effects are likely to be localised and therefore present minimal, if any, significant impacts to the environment. Therefore, it is recommended that a full SEA under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 is not required.

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Our ref: 01354 Screening - East Dunbartonshire Council - Adult Learning Disability Strategy

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to the Screening document you submitted on 13 February 2018.

The Consultation Authorities have now considered your screening request as per Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. For convenience I have set out, in the table below, their individual views on whether there is a likelihood of significant environmental effects.

Please note, these are the views and opinions of the Consultation Authorities on the likelihood of significant environmental effects arising from the plan or programme and not a judgement on whether an SEA is required. It is therefore for the Responsible Authority to determine whether an SEA is required in the circumstances. I have attached the individual letters from the Consultation Authorities, outlining their views and opinions. Where possible the Consultation Authorities may have offered supplementary information and/or advice for you to consider, which you should find helpful.

CONSULTATION AUTHORITY	LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS
Historic Environment Scotland	No
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	No
Scottish Natural Heritage	No
OVERALL VIEW ON LIKELIHOOD OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS	No

As the Consultation Authorities have now notified you of their views, you should now refer to the 2005 Act to consider your next step. You should of course take into account the advice offered by the Consultation Authorities.

You should note, as per Section 10 of the 2005 Act, within 28 days of your determination about whether an SEA is required or not, a copy of the determination and any related statement of reasons must be passed to the Consultation Authorities. This may be done via the SEA Gateway.

If you have any queries or would like me to clarify any points, please call me on 0131 244 9571.

Yours sincerely
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Dear Ms Hollas

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
01354 Screening - East Dunbartonshire Council - Adult Learning Disability Strategy

Screening Report

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 13 February 2018 about the above screening report. We have reviewed the screening report in our role as a Consultation Authority under the above Act, in accordance with the requirements of Section 9(3). In doing so we have used the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of the effects on the environment. Please note that our view is based on main area of interest for the historic environment.

Our understanding from the provided screening report is that the Adult Learning Disability Strategy will set out the vision and objectives aimed at improving services for people with learning disabilities and the people that support them. We note that you have screened the proposed vision and objectives of the strategy and consider that there are unlikely to be significant environmental effects. On the basis of the information provided we are content to agree that significant effects on the historic environment as a result of the strategy are unlikely.

However, as you will be aware, it is the responsibility of East Dunbartonshire Council as the Responsible Authority to determine whether the strategy requires an environmental assessment and to inform the Consultation Authorities accordingly.

We hope this is helpful. Please contact us if you have any questions about this response. The officer managing this case is Andrew Stevenson who can be contacted by phone on 0131 668 8960 or by email on andrew.stevenson2@hes.scot.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Madam

**Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
Adult Learning Disability Strategy - Screening Report**

Thank you for your Screening Report consultation which SEPA received via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway on 14 February 2018.

In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 we have considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment. Having reviewed the Screening Report, we consider that in respect of our main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets (of which we have a specific interest in waste) and climatic factors) the strategy is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. Although we are of the view that significant environmental effects are not likely, it is for the East Dunbartonshire Council as Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.

If it is formally determined that SEA is required, you will be aware that the next stage requires the Responsible Authority to consult the Consultation Authorities on the proposed scope and level of detail to be included within the Environmental Report. This can be undertaken through preparation of a concise Scoping Report. We would encourage you to use the scoping process to focus the assessment on those SEA issues upon which there are likely to be significant environmental effects, to outline the baseline information you consider as most relevant and explain your proposed method of assessment. To assist with this process we have produced [SEA topic guidance](#) for those issues which fall within our remit. Further information on scoping can be found in the [Scottish Government SEA Guidance](#) (sections 3.4 to 3.8 in particular).

We are committed to providing early and focused advice and supporting continuous engagement and therefore if it is determined that SEA is required we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss these issues prior to the formal consultation.

Should you wish to discuss this screening consultation please do not hesitate to contact me on 01698 839000 or via our SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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Our ref: CNS/SEA/SSEA/01354

Dear Ms Hollas

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005:
East Dunbartonshire Council – Adult Learning Disability Strategy
Screening Determination

Thank you for your screening report submitted on 13 February 2018 via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in respect of the above plan.

We have considered your screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the 2005 Act. In terms of our interests, we agree that the above Plan is not likely to have significant environmental effects.

Please note that this consultation response provides a view solely on the potential for the plan or programme to have significant environmental effects. We cannot comment on whether or not the plan or programme meets other criteria determining the need for SEA as set out in the Act.

Should you wish to discuss this screening determination, please do not hesitate to contact Graeme Heenan on 0131 314 6750 or via SNH's SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@snh.gov.uk.

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