

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination

Notice of the Determination that the proposed East Dunbartonshire HSCP Strategic Plan 2025 will not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment

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 HSCP Strategic Plan.

East Dunbartonshire Council has made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the HSCP Strategic Plan is not likely to result in significant environmental effects and will therefore not progress to the scoping stage or be subject to a full Strategic Environmental Assessment.

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Relevant Documents:

- SEA Screening Determination Notification to Consultation Authorities on 31st July 2024
- Screening Report submitted to Consultation Authorities on 27th June 2024
- Responses from the Consultation Authorities:
 - Response from Historic Scotland
 - Response from Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
 - Response from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)



Date: 31st July 2024

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**SEA Screening Determination
East Dunbartonshire HSCP Strategic Plan 2025**

I refer to your email dated 25th July 2024 outlining the responses from the Consultation Authorities to the screening report that was submitted on 27th June 2024 in relation to the proposed East Dunbartonshire HSCP Strategic Plan.

After reviewing the responses, the Consultation Authorities are in agreement with the Council that the Strategic Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. On 30th July 2024 East Dunbartonshire Council made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Strategic Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects and will therefore not progress to the scoping stage or be subject to a full Strategic Environmental Assessment.

A copy of the screening determination will be available for inspection during normal office hours at Southbank House, Strathkelvin Place, Kirkintilloch, G66 1TF and on the Council website at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk. An advert will also be placed in the Kirkintilloch Herald to publicise the screening determination.

In accordance with Section 10(1) of the Act, a copy of the screening determination is enclosed and I would be obliged if you could forward this onto the Consultation Authorities.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Neil Samson, Environmental Planner on 0141 578 8615.

Yours faithfully,

Neil Samson
Environmental Planner

SCREENING REPORT

STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

Responsible Authority:

East Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership

Title of the plan:

East Dunbartonshire HSCP Strategic Plan 2025

What prompted the plan:
(e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)

Statutory requirement to prepare a Strategic Plan set out in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Plan subject:
(e.g. transport)

The main areas covered are primary and community health, social work and social care, wellbeing, equality and related housing provision.

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:

27th June 2024

STEP 2 – CONTEXT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

Context of the Plan:

The East Dunbartonshire HSCP Board (EDHSCP Board) is a legally constituted Integrated Joint Board and local authority body corporate. It has delegated authority for a range of health and social care functions. The Board is responsible for the overall delegated budget and sets out in its Strategic Plan how this budget will be used to deliver statutory functions and improve national health and wellbeing outcomes for the population of East Dunbartonshire.

The EDHSCP Board comprises Elected Members of East Dunbartonshire Council and non-executive directors of Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board. It also comprises a range of professional and stakeholder representatives, including the third and independent sectors, service users, carers and trades unions.

The HSCP Strategic Planning Group is an officer group that supports the Board and has an important role in scrutinising the Strategic Plan as it develops, the membership of which is designed to reflect a wide range of partners and stakeholders.

There are a number of representative consultees that either live or operate in East Dunbartonshire who must be included in the Strategic Plan participation and engagement process, by statute. These are called the “prescribed consultees”:

- The local authority and Health Board
- Social care and health professionals
- Users of health and/or social care services
- Carers of users of health and/or social care services
- Commercial providers of health and/or social care
- Non-commercial providers of health and/or social care
- Staff of the Health Board and local authority who are not health professionals or social care professionals
- Non-commercial providers of social housing
- Third sector bodies carrying out activities related to health or social care
- Neighbouring HSCPs

Description of the Plan:

The strategic priorities have still to be agreed through a consultation process with our key stakeholders.

However, a number of Development Priorities and Enablers (set out below) have been developed for discussion during the consultation and will form part of the strategic framework of the proposed Strategic Plan.

Suggested Improvement and Development Priorities

Empowering People

People are enabled to have power and control over their own lives, ensuring that they can get the support they need that is right for them at that time.

Empowering and Connecting Communities

Community members will be empowered to support their communities and be involved, and participate in, the ongoing sustainable development of their community, and have access to information, advice and resources to enable them to live independently and without formal intervention.

Prevention and Early Intervention

Services will facilitate and enable prevention, and the identification and provision of early support, to improve outcomes for individuals and prevent, stop or slow the progression of need, to safely enable risk and to minimise harm.

Addressing key public protection statutory duties will be prioritised.

Carers and their families will be supported and valued in their caring roles.

The mental health services people receive will meet national requirements, support local needs and continue to help people with their mental health and recovery.

Suggested Enablers of Change

Strengthen our focus on supporting our staff's mental health and wellbeing, the recruitment and retention of staff and ensure that our staff have the necessary skills and training to carry out their job.

Develop and implement a medium-term financial plan which ensures financial sustainability for the IJB and the delivery of strategic planning priorities within the financial envelope available, in the context of demand and cost pressures and challenging financial settlements.

Increase the opportunities for collaborative working across our commissioned service providers with the aim of improving services, outcomes for service users, processes and efficiency.

Maximise the use and development of our infrastructure and technology to help people to self-manage their own health and social wellbeing, as well as supporting our staff in the delivery of services.

Strengthen collaboration, and encourage continuous improvement, amongst staff groups from both partner organisations.

The spatial scope of the Strategy is limited to East Dunbartonshire Council area.

What are the key components of the plan?

The Development Priorities and Enablers set out above are the key components of Strategic Plan at this stage.

Have any of the components of the plan

The content of the Plan will be new information that has not been considered as part of previous SEA work for any other PPS. However, the content will not set a framework for other projects or future development consents and will be developed in line with all other relevant PPS in relation East

been considered in previous SEA work?

Dunbartonshire which have been subject to SEA, including the Local Outcome Improvement Plan, Local Development Plan and Local Housing Strategy.

The Strategic Plan is influenced by national and local policy drivers, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Partnership, Stakeholder and Public consultation and engagement as well as benchmarking and best practice.

The plan will also inform the EDHSCP annual delivery plan, quarterly performance reports, the Annual Performance Report, commissioning strategy, and financial plan.

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 that are likely to require screening at this stage of development are the Priorities and Enablers (set out above).

**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		
Draft Development Priorities	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	<p>After reviewing the draft Development Priorities and Enablers of Change for the Strategic Plan, there is unlikely to be any significant environmental impacts through its development and implementation.</p> <p>The overall impact is likely to be positive with the impacts being localised in nature, particularly through the potential improvements and measures that will be developed through the Strategic Plan in relation to equality, health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Strategic Plan will align with the Local Outcome Improvement Plan, EDC Local Development Plan and its extensive policy framework along with the Local Housing Strategy and together will ensure the continued improvement to the health and wellbeing of the people of East Dunbartonshire.</p>	
	<p>Empowering People: People are enabled to have power and control over their own lives, ensuring that they can get the support they need that is right for them at that time.</p> <p>Empowering and Connecting Communities: Community members will be empowered to support their communities and be involved, and participate in, the ongoing sustainable development of their community, and have access to information, advice and resources to enable them to live independently and without formal intervention.</p> <p>Prevention and Early Intervention: Services will facilitate and enable prevention, and the identification and provision of early support, to improve outcomes for individuals and prevent, stop or slow the progression of need, to safely enable risk and to minimise harm.</p> <p>Public Protection: Addressing key public protection statutory duties will be prioritised.</p> <p>Supporting Carers and Families: Carers and their families will be supported and valued in their caring roles.</p> <p>Improving Mental Health and Recovery: The mental health services people receive will meet national requirements, support local needs and continue to help people with their mental health and recovery.</p>	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		

<p>Draft Enablers of Change</p>	<p>Workforce and Organisational Development: Strengthen our focus on supporting our staff's mental health and wellbeing, the recruitment and retention of staff and ensure that our staff have the necessary skills and training to carry out their job.</p> <p>Medium Term Financial and Strategic Planning: Develop and implement a medium-term financial plan which ensures financial sustainability for the IJB and the delivery of strategic planning priorities within the financial envelope available, in the context of demand and cost pressures and challenging financial settlements.</p> <p>Collaborative Commissioning: Increase the opportunities for collaborative working across our commissioned service providers with the aim of improving services, outcomes for service users, processes and efficiency.</p> <p>Infrastructure and Technology: Maximise the use and development of our infrastructure and technology to help people to self-manage their own health and social wellbeing, as well as supporting our staff in the delivery of services.</p> <p>Maximising Operational Integration: Strengthen collaboration, and encourage continuous improvement, amongst staff groups from both partner organisations.</p>	
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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.)

As outlined in the above initial components review (Box 10), there is potential for the Strategic Plan to provide positive localised impacts in relation to health and wellbeing, relating to the **Population and Human Health** environment topic area. However, these are not considered to be significant environmental impacts.

It is the Councils view that the overall environmental impacts of the Strategic Plan are not likely to be significant. Therefore, it has been determined that, under Section 5(4) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, a full SEA is not required.

When completed send to: SEA.gateway@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or to the SEA Gateway, Scottish Government, Area 2H (South), Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ.



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Your ref: 01897 Screening

24 July 2024

Dear Mr Samson

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
01897 Screening - East Dunbartonshire Council - Health and Social Care Partnership
Strategy Plan
SEA Screening Report

Thank you for consulting us on this screening report for East Dunbartonshire Council's Health and Social Care Partnership Strategy Plan, which we received on 27 June 2024. We have reviewed this report in our role as a Consultation Authority under the above Act. This is in accordance with the requirements of Section 9(3). To do this we have used the criteria set out in Schedule 2 for determining the likely significance of the effects on the environment.

Our view

The screening report states that there **unlikely** to be significant environmental effects for the historic environment. We **agree** with this assessment.

Next steps

The [Environmental Assessment \(Scotland\) Act 2005](#) requires you as the Responsible Authority to determine whether an environmental assessment is required. You must then notify the Consultation Authorities within 28 days of making this determination. You can do this via the SEA Gateway (sea_gateway@gov.scot).

We hope this advice helps to you to make this decision. Please do contact us if you have any questions about our response. The officer managing this case is Virginia Sharp. You can contact them by phone on 0131 668 8704 or by email at Virginia.Sharp@hes.scot.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Neil Samson,

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
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East Dunbartonshire Council - Health and Social Care Partnership Strategy Plan
East Dunbartonshire Council

Thank you for consulting SEPA on this Screening Report by way of your email of 27 June 2024.

In accordance with Section 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 we have reviewed the screening report using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act. In regard to our main areas of interest (air, water, soil, human health, material assets and climatic factors) **we agree with the conclusions of the screening report** that the proposed PPS is **unlikely to have** significant environmental effects.

Although we are of the view that significant environmental effects are unlikely, it is for the Responsible Authority to make a formal determination taking into account the consultation responses received.

I trust these comments are of assistance - please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Kind regards,
Silvia Cagnoni
Senior Planning Officer



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Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Health and Social Care Partnership Strategy Plan
Screening Determination

Dear Neil,

Thank you for your screening report submitted on 27 June 2024 via the Scottish Government SEA Gateway in respect of the above plan.

NatureScot has 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 Jimmy Hyslop on jimmy.hyslop@nature.scot or via NatureScot's SEA Gateway at sea_gateway@nature.scot.

Yours sincerely,

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