



East Dunbartonshire Council

www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Date: 13th December 2025
SEA Gateway
Scottish Government
Area 2 H (South)
Victoria Quay
Edinburgh
EH6 6QQ

PLACE, NEIGHBOURHOOD AND CORPORATE ASSETS
Land Planning and Development
Southbank House
Strathkelvin Place
Kirkintilloch
G66 1XQ
Telephone 0141 578 8600
Fax No: 0141 578 8575

**SEA Screening Determination
Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy 2025**

Dear SEA Gateway and Consultation Authorities,

I refer to your email dated 8th of December 2025 outlining the responses from the Consultation Authorities to the Screening Report that was submitted on 10th November 2025 in relation to the proposed **Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy 2025**.

The Consultation Authorities are in agreement with the Council that the Strategy is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. On 13th December 2025 East Dunbartonshire Council made a determination under Section 8(1) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that the Strategy is unlikely to have any significant environmental effects. Therefore, the Strategy will not be subject to a full Strategic Environmental Assessment and an Environmental Report will not be prepared alongside the document.

In accordance with Section 10 of the Act, a copy of the screening determination along with the Screening Report and Consultation Authority responses will be made available on request as well as on the Council website at [Strategic Environmental Assessment - East Dunbartonshire Council](#). An advert will also be placed in the Kirkintilloch Herald and Milngavie and Bearsden Herald to publicise the screening determination.

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact Emily Boucher (Climate Change Policy and SEA Officer) via email on Emily.Boucher@eastdunbarton.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Emily Boucher
Climate Change Policy and Strategic Environmental Assessment Officer

SCREENING REPORT

STEP 1 – DETAILS OF THE PLAN

Responsible Authority:

EDLCT

Title of the plan:

Culture Leisure & Sport Strategy

What prompted the plan:

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

The previous Culture Leisure & Sport Strategy had an end date of 2021 and was overdue for a review. The new proposal is to set out strategic objectives for EDLCT for the next 5 years. A current strategy is required to be in place to apply for external funding and to provide a strategic direction for EDLCT to help ensure the organisation remains relevant and fit for the future.

Plan subject:

(e.g. transport)

Culture, leisure, health, wellbeing

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)

Contact details:

Emily Boucher
Climate Change Policy and Strategic Environmental Assessment Officer
Sustainability Policy Team
Place, Neighbourhood and Corporate Assets
Southbank House
Strathkelvin Place
Kirkintilloch
G66 1XQ

Date:

10 November 2025

STEP 2 – CONTEXT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

Context of the Plan:

The updated Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy (2026 – 2031) is being developed by East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust (EDLCT). EDLCT is responsible for the operation, management and delivery of leisure and cultural services in the area, which aim to be of maximum benefit to the community and accessible to all across East Dunbartonshire. This updated Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy (2026 – 2031) will help EDLCT with operational matters and provide a strategic direction for EDLCT in relation to culture, leisure and sport. An up-to-date strategy is also required to apply for external funding opportunities.

The previous Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy (2015) was co-developed by EDLCT and East Dunbartonshire Council. The previous Strategy was initially developed in combination with the Sport Pitches Strategy before they were divided into two separate pieces of work. The final Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy set out an operational approach to culture, leisure and sport in East Dunbartonshire, but also an action programme that included large scale asset projects. Due to the nature and scale of development projects in the action plan, the previous Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy was subject to a full SEA.

The updated Strategy detailed in this report will focus only on operational matters and will not include large asset developments or a combined [Sports Pitches Strategy](#) – which was updated in 2024 (and screened separately for SEA requirements). Any potential future capital asset projects relating to culture, leisure as sport will be assessed individually at the planning and project level utilising the LDP policy framework and Development Management process.

Description of the Plan:

This high-level strategy will guide EDLCT's operation and management of leisure and cultural services throughout East Dunbartonshire. The strategy will also help set out strategic priorities for the next five years.

What are the key components of the plan?

The key components of the Strategy are intended to be:

Vision

The lives of East Dunbartonshire communities will be enriched by the provision of inclusive, accessible and affordable opportunities in arts, heritage, libraries, leisure, sport and physical activity.

Mission

We will work with people in our communities to ensure equitable access to relevant and sustainable services, which will support the health, wellbeing and quality of life of all those living in, working in or visiting East Dunbartonshire.

Objectives

- 1. Increasing Participation for all** – To increase participation in culture, leisure, sport and physical activity for all residents and visitors of East Dunbartonshire in an inclusive and sustainable way.

	<p>2. Improving Physical / Mental Health and Well-being – To improve health and wellbeing through culture, leisure, sport and physical activity - enabling everyone in East Dunbartonshire to lead full and active lives.</p> <p>3. Developing People – To support and develop our employees and network of volunteers to deliver culture, leisure, sport and physical activity in East Dunbartonshire, and to enable all individuals to develop their talent, skills and confidence.</p> <p>4. Maintaining the Quality of our existing Culture, Leisure and Sports (CLS) offer & maximising opportunities – To improve existing services and maximise opportunities for providing new activities by incorporating latest environmental and design standards, ensuring that East Dunbartonshire has first class culture, leisure, sport and physical activity venues.</p>
Have any of the components of the plan been considered in previous SEA work?	No – this is a new PPS to replace the previous Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy (2015), which was subject to full SEA due to the wider scope and intended influence (set out above).
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 are the draft proposed vision, mission 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.)**

	Environmental Topic Areas										Explanation of Potential Environmental Effects	Explanation of Significance
Plan Components	Biodiversity, flora and fauna	Population and human health	Soil	Water	Air	Climatic factors	Material assets	Cultural heritage	Landscape	Inter-relationship issues	<p>The anticipated impacts from the proposed Strategy and their potential significance are outlined below.</p> <p>Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna – No impacts have been identified in relation to biodiversity, flora and fauna through the development and implementation of this Strategy. The updated strategy focuses on more operational and management of existing culture and leisure assets. Although not a part of the action plan in the Strategy, any future developments of culture, leisure or sport related projects will be comprehensively assessed at the project level stage when proposal site come forward through the LDP site assessment and land allocation process and/or separate planning application process.</p> <p>Population and Human Health – Increasing participation for all in culture, leisure and sport can increase overall health outcomes through physical activity (physical wellbeing) and social interaction (mental wellbeing). The proposal also intends to align with wellbeing objectives of national organisations and EDC’s Local Outcome Improvement Plans and Business Improvement Plan. However, the anticipated impacts are likely to be localised and limited in terms of their significance.</p> <p>Soil – No impacts have been identified in relation to soil through the development and implementation of this Strategy.</p> <p>Water – No impacts have been identified in relation to water through the development and implementation of this Strategy.</p> <p>Air – No impacts have been identified in relation to air through the development and implementation of this Strategy.</p> <p>Climate factors – Limited impacts identified as Objective 4 does state that the latest environmental and design standards will be considered to improve existing services and maximise opportunities at culture, leisure</p>	
Vision	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗		The lives of East Dunbartonshire communities will be enriched by the provision of inclusive, accessible and affordable opportunities in arts, heritage, libraries, leisure, sport and physical activity.
Mission	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗		We will work with people in our communities to ensure equitable access to relevant and sustainable services, which will support the health, wellbeing and quality of life of all those living in, working in or visiting East Dunbartonshire.
Objective 1:	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	<p>Increasing Participation for all – To increase participation in culture, leisure, sport and physical activity for all residents and visitors of East Dunbartonshire in an inclusive and sustainable way.</p>	

Objective 2:	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x	x	and sport venues. This approach could make existing venues more resilient to the impacts of climate change. However, any identified projects or infrastructure improvements will be dealt with through major assets and environmental issues considered at the project level through the design and planning stages in consultation with the Councils Sustainability Team.
	Improving Physical / Mental Health and Well-being – To improve health and wellbeing through culture, leisure, sport and physical activity - enabling everyone in East Dunbartonshire to lead full and active lives.										
	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x	x	Material Assets – The Strategy focuses on the operational and strategic approach to providing culture, leisure and sport at existing venues, which are considered material assets. The Strategy mainly focuses on the day-to-day and strategic approach to future operations which will have influence on how the current material assets are utilised. Cultural Heritage – A main part of the Strategy is to promote and involve everyone in East Dunbartonshire in culture, leisure and sport. Wellbeing – both physical health and mental wellbeing from social inclusion – are potential impacts from promoting involvement in cultural activities. However, these impacts are also likely to be localised in terms of the significance.
	Developing People – To support and develop our employees and network of volunteers to deliver culture, leisure, sport and physical activity in East Dunbartonshire, and to enable all individuals to develop their talent, skills and confidence.										
	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	Landscape – Similar to climatic factors, the strategy intends to set out the use of the latest environmental and design standards for improvement of services. This approach could change the landscaping of certain existing facilities and make them more resilient to the impacts of climate change (i.e. flood mitigation). However, there are no definitive plans for these projects in the Strategy as it just sets out the strategic approach for the future. Although asset projects are not a part of the Strategy action plan, any future developments of culture, leisure or sport related projects will be comprehensively assessed at the project level stage when proposal site come forward through the LDP site assessment and land allocation process and/or separate planning application process. Inter-relationships issues – The Strategy is intended to be high-level with a limited scope, and it is unlikely to have significant effect on the other individual factors.
	Maintaining the Quality of our existing Culture, Leisure and Sports (CLS) offer & maximising opportunities – To improve existing services and maximise opportunities for providing new activities by incorporating latest environmental and design standards, ensuring that East Dunbartonshire has first class culture, leisure, sport and physical activity venues.										

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 initial components assessment above, there are no anticipated significant impacts on the environment from the proposed Strategy itself. The only impacts identified will be minor, localised and mostly positive in nature related to community cohesion, health and wellbeing.

Due to this Strategy being more of an operational PPS, and the action plan not setting a framework for projects/developments, it is not likely that there will be any significant environmental impacts. Any potential future development projects relating to culture, leisure and sport will have potential impacts reviewed separately through the LDP and planning process.

It is the Council's view that the overall environmental impacts of the Strategy are not likely to be significant. Therefore, it has been determined that, under Section 5(3) 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.



HISTORIC
ENVIRONMENT
SCOTLAND

ÀRAINNEACHD
EACHDRAIDHEIL
ALBA

By email to: sea.gateway@gov.scot
Emily Boucher
Climate Change Policy & SEA Officer
SEA Gateway
East Dunbartonshire Council

Longmore House
Salisbury Place
Edinburgh
EH9 1SH

Enquiry Line: 0131 668 8716
HMConsultations@hes.scot

Our case ID: 300083627
Your ref: 01965
08 December 2025

Dear Emily Boucher

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 East Dunbartonshire Council - Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy (2026-2031) SEA Screening Report

Thank you for consulting us on this screening report for the Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy, which we received on 10 November 2025. 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 are **unlikely** to be significant environmental effects for the historic environment. We **agree** with this assessment.

Our comments

While we agree with the findings of the screening report, we note that there will likely be effects on the historic environment as a result of the proposed strategy. As such, we would welcome the opportunity to review the strategy and provide comments as its development progresses.

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 Cailee Mellen. You can contact them by phone on 0131 651 6807 or by email at cailee.mellen@hes.scot.

Yours sincerely

Historic Environment Scotland

Historic Environment Scotland – Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1SH
Scottish Charity No. **SC045925**
VAT No. **GB 221 8680 15**

Emily Boucher

From: informed@planning.nature.scot
Sent: 17 November 2025 16:37
To: SEA_Gateway@gov.scot
Cc: Jimmy.Hyslop@nature.scot; sea.gateway@hes.scot; sea_gateway@nature.scot; sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk
Subject: 01965 - Screening - East Dunbartonshire Council - Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy (2026-2031) - NatureScot

Emily Boucher

Climate Change Policy and Strategic Environmental Assessment Officer

Sustainability Policy Team

Place, Neighbourhood and Corporate Assets

Southbank House

Strathkelvin Place

Kirkintilloch

G66 1XQ

17 November 2025

Our ref: CEA182457 ID 103527

Your ref: 01965

Dear Emily,

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy (2026-2031) Screening Determination

Thank you for your screening report submitted on 10 November 2025 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 any of the comments detailed in this response, please do not hesitate to contact Jimmy Hyslop on at jimmy.hyslop@nature.scot.

Yours sincerely,

Jimmy Hyslop

Operations Officer - West Central Scotland - Central Scotland Projects and Partnerships



NatureScot is the operating name of Scottish Natural Heritage

Emily Boucher

From: Sea Gateway <sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk>
Sent: 11 November 2025 17:47
To: SEA gateway
Cc: Emily Boucher; SEA Gateway HES; SEA Gateway Nature Scot; Harkness, Lee
Subject: PCS-20007225 SEPA Response to SEA01965

To Whom It May Concern,

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005
SEA01965
Culture Leisure & Sport Strategy
East Dunbartonshire Council

Thank you for consulting SEPA on this Screening Report by way of your email of 10th November 2025.

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.

If you would like to discuss this consultation response, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or via our SEA Gateway at sea.gateway@sepa.org.uk.

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

Le dùrachdan,

Lee Harkness
Senior Planning Officer



Disclaimer

The information contained in this email and any attachments may be confidential and is intended solely for the use of the intended recipients. Access, copying or re-use of the information in it by any other is not authorised. If you are not the intended recipient, please notify us immediately by return email to postmaster@sepa.org.uk. Registered office: SEPA, Angus Smith Building, 6 Parklands Avenue, Eurocentral, Holytown, North Lanarkshire, ML1 4WQ. Communications with SEPA may be monitored or recorded or released in order to secure the effective operation of the system and for other lawful purposes.

Dh'fhaodadh gum bi am fiosrachadh sa phost-d seo agus ceanglachan sam bith a tha na chois dìomhair, agus cha bu chòir am fiosrachadh a bhith air a chleachdadh le neach sam bith ach an luchd-faighinn a bha còir am fiosrachadh fhaighinn. Chan fhaod neach sam bith eile cothrom fhaighinn air an fhiosrachadh a tha sa phost-d no a tha an cois a' phuist-d, chan fhaod iad lethbhreac a dhèanamh dheth no a chleachdadh arithist. Mura h-ann dhuibhse a tha am post-d seo, feuch gun inns sibh dhuinn sa bhad le bhith cur post-d gu postmaster@sepa.org.uk. Togalach Aonghais Mhic a' Ghobhainn, 6 Craobhraid Parklands, Eurocentral, Baile a' Chuilinn, Siorrachd Lannraig a Tuath, ML1 4WQ. Faodar conaltradh còmhla ri SEPA a sgrùdadh no a chlàradh no a sgaoileadh gus obrachadh èifeachdach an t-siostaim a ghlèidheadh agus airson adhbharan laghail eile.