

TOOLKIT RESPONSE SUMMARY

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INITIATIVE: Control of Grey Squirrels

RESPONSE ICON KEY

- No Response
- Don't know - it's not relevant/not applicable
- Don't know - even though it is relevant
- No - not at all true
- No - some truth, but a long way to go
- Mixed - partly true, but some way to go
- Yes - largely true, but still more to do
- Yes - completely true

MAIN SECTIONS RESPONSE SUMMARY

-  Built Environment
-  Climate Change
-  Community
-  Consumption & Production
-  Culture & Recreation
-  Economy
-  Equality & Diversity
-  Health & Well-Being
-  Lifelong Learning
-  Natural Environment
-  Transport & Connectivity

Built Environment

1 Built Environment

The initiative will contribute towards a high quality, well-designed built environment that complements the distinctive and historic local character?

 *Mixed – partly true, but some way to go*

Justification:


The initiative will restore Red Squirrels to Open Spaces and remove invasive non-native species

Mitigation:

Removal of grey squirrels will protect the existing red squirrel populations and increase the areas open to them

1.1 Historic Built Environment

The initiative will maintain or enhance the character of built heritage or a particular historical feature in the area?

 *Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable*

Mitigation:

None

Justification:

The initiative has no direct effect on the historic built environment as it is entirely outdoors and based within parks and openspaces.

1.2 Housing

The initiative will help to provide a sufficient range of (particularly affordable) housing that is well-designed and sustainable?

 *Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable*

Mitigation:


None

Justification:

The initiative has no direct effect on housing as it is entirely outdoors and based within parks and openspaces.

1.3 Identity and Character

The initiative will be well designed to support and enhance local distinctiveness whilst creating a "sense of place"?

 *Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable*

Mitigation:

none

Justification:

The initiative will have no effect on the identity and character of the built environment

1.4 Open Space

Will the initiative help to ensure that a wide range of accessible, attractive and safe open spaces are available to all?

 *Yes – largely true, but still more to do*

Mitigation:

Removal of grey squirrels will lead to the return of Red Squirrels to our parks and open spaces.

Justification:

The initiative will make open spaces more attractive to the public by making them more suitable for Red Squirrels

Climate Change

2 Climate Change

The initiative will contribute towards tackling the causes and effects of climate change?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Justification:

The initiative has no direct effect on climate change

Mitigation:

nonne

2.1 Adaptation

The initiative has taken account of potential changes brought about by climate change (for example, flooding, higher temperatures, heatwaves and more frequent storms)?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

none

Justification:

The initiative has no direct effect on potential climate change

2.2 Greenhouse Gas Mitigation

The initiative will help to mitigate greenhouse gases?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

None


Justification:

The initiative has no direct effect on greenhouse gas emissions

Community

3 Community

The initiative will contribute towards encouraging vibrant and safe communities, where everyone has an opportunity to participate in community life and local decision-making?

 *Yes – largely true, but still more to do*

Justification:


Public engagement and consultation will be vital to the success of the initiative

Mitigation:

Outreach centres and public engagement are planned alongside publicity through media to promote the initiative

3.1 Access to services

The initiative will improve and support access to jobs, services and amenities for the local community?

 *Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable*

Mitigation:


none

Justification:

The initiative is not relevant to access to services.

3.2 Community Safety

The initiative will contribute towards reducing crime, disorder and danger and support social cohesiveness?

 *Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable*

Mitigation:

none

Justification:

the initiative is not relevant to community safety

3.3 Engagement

The initiative will seek to adequately engage with all members of the community in the decision-making process for the area through using VOICE?

 *Yes – completely true*

Mitigation:


Outreach posts will be set up to allow the public access to information about the initiative

Justification:

The initiative will seek public support and engagement.

3.4 Identity and Citizenship

The initiative will help support and enhance the local identity whilst promoting citizenship?

 *Yes – largely true, but still more to do*

Mitigation:


Engage with the Perth and Kinross Red Squirrel Group and promote Red squirrels to the public.

Justification:

Perth and Kinross is at the frontier of Red Squirrel conservation and could promote Red Squirrels.

3.5 Social Inclusion

The initiative will promote social inclusion for all?

 *Mixed – partly true, but some way to go*

Mitigation:

Public engagement will invite anybody interested to get involved in the initiative

Justification:

Perth and Kinross Red Squirrel Group already exists, but may not have members from all sectors of society.

Consumption & Production

4 Consumption and Production

The initiative will promote more sustainable production and consumption of goods and services?

No – some truth, but a long way to go

Justification:

The initiative will not have an impact on energy consumption but will produce some waste.

Mitigation:

As the initiative progresses it is expected that there will be less waste produced.

4.1 Energy

The initiative will help reduce energy consumption and promote energy efficiency?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

None

Justification:

The initiative will have no effect on energy consumption

4.2 Waste

The initiative will encourage the prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling of waste?

No – not at all true

Mitigation:

Any carcasses will be disposed of either by deep burial or incineration. A third option is available, which is the cooking and eating of the grey squirrels which will produce less waste.

Justification:

The control of Grey Squirrels will result in waste in the form of a number of carcasses.

Culture & Recreation

5 Culture and Recreation

The initiative will support the promotion and enhancement of cultural and recreational opportunities for all?

+ *Yes – largely true, but still more to do*

Justification:

Control of grey squirrels will encourage red squirrels to repopulate the parks and openspaces across Perth and Kinross

Mitigation:

control grey squirrel numbers will make the park and open spaces more attractive for Red Squirrels and also to the public.

5.1 Cultural Heritage

The initiative will preserve, promote and enhance assets of local culture and heritage?

+ *Yes – largely true, but still more to do*

Mitigation:

Controlling the numbers of grey squirrels will allow the repopulation of red squirrels in Perth and Kinross

Justification:

Red squirrels are indigenous to the area, while grey squirrels are invasive non-native species.

5.2 Leisure, Sport and Recreation

The initiative will help provide, encourage and improve access to leisure, sports and recreational activities for all?

+ *Yes – largely true, but still more to do*

Mitigation:

Control grey squirrels will encourage red squirrels to repopulate the parks and openspaces across Perth and Kinross

Justification:

The control of grey squirrels will make parks and open spaces more attractive to the public.

Economy

6 Economy

The initiative will encourage sustainable economic growth?

+ Yes – largely true, but still more to do

Justification:

The initiative should promote green tourism.

Mitigation:

Promote Perth and Kinross as the place to come to see Red Squirrels.

6.1 Business

The initiative will encourage business creation and development?

■ Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

none

Justification:

The initiative will have no impact on business or development

6.2 Employment

The initiative will ensure a wide range of jobs are accessible to all communities and locations (particularly disadvantaged areas)?

+ Yes – largely true, but still more to do

Mitigation:

ensure contracts go to local employers

Justification:

The initiative will use both volunteers and existing business to be successful

6.3 Tourism

The initiative will help promote sustainable tourism for the area?

+ Yes – largely true, but still more to do

Mitigation:

promote red squirrels as a natural resource to be enjoyed by tourists

Justification:

The initiative will promote sustainable tourism by promoting native Red squirrels over invasive non-native grey squirrels

6.4 Well Skilled

The initiative will help to develop and improve people's skills?

+ Yes – largely true, but still more to do

Mitigation:

all volunteers will be fully trained in squirrel survey techniques and ONLY professional contractors will be used for culling.

Justification:

Trained volunteers will be used to carry out surveys and professional contractors will be employed to carry out the trapping and killing of grey squirrels

Equality & Diversity

7 Equality and Diversity

The initiative, proposal or policy will promote equal access and inclusiveness for everyone?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Justification:

The initiative is not relevant to equal access and inclusiveness

Mitigation:

none

7.1 Age

The initiative, proposal or policy will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against age groups of any range?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

none

7.2 Disability

The initiative, proposal or policy will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against people with disability?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

none

7.3 Gender Reassignment

The initiative, proposal or policy will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against people who choose not to live as their birth gender?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

none

7.4 Marriage and Civil Partnership

The initiative, proposal or policy will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against married people or civil (same sex) partners?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

none

7.5 Pregnancy and Maternity

The initiative, proposal or policy will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against pregnant women or who have recently given birth or breastfeeding?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

none

7.6 Race

The initiative, proposal or policy will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against any racial groups as recognised in the Equality Act 2010?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

none

7.7 Religion or Belief

The initiative, proposal or policy will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against any religion, religious belief or philosophy as recognised in the Equality Act 2010 and the courts?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

none

7.8 Sex

The initiative, proposal or policy will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against either men or women?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

none

7.9 Sexual Orientation

The initiative, proposal or policy will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual (LGB) or heterosexual/straight people?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

none

Health & Well-Being

8 Health and Well-being

The initiative will improve health (including mental health) and well-being and improve access to health care for all?

= *Mixed – partly true, but some way to go*

Justification:

The initiative will improve health and well being, particularly the lifestyle and physical environment, but will have is not relevant to the social environment

Mitigation:

none

8.1 Lifestyle

The initiative will promote opportunities for gaining knowledge of and achieving a healthier lifestyle?

+ *Yes – largely true, but still more to do*

Mitigation:

none

Justification:

Initiative will encourage people to go out to parks and open spaces to see Red Squirrels

8.2 Physical Environment

The initiative will help to create a healthier physical environment for all?

+ *Yes – largely true, but still more to do*

Mitigation:

Removing grey squirrels will allow red squirrels to recolonise parks and openspaces

Justification:

The initiative will create a healthier natural environment to encourage people out of doors

8.3 Social Environment

The initiative will help to create a healthier social environment for all?

■ *Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable*

Mitigation:

none

Justification:

the initiative is not relevant to social environments

Lifelong Learning

9 Lifelong learning

The initiative will promote opportunities for lifelong learning?

= *Mixed – partly true, but some way to go*

Justification:

The initiative will have informal learning but no formal learning opportunities

Mitigation:

Outreach centres for informal learning to be provided as part of the education of the public

9.1 Community Learning and Development

The initiative will provide opportunity for community learning and development?

+ *Yes – largely true, but still more to do*

Mitigation:

Set up outreach centres to inform the public what is proposed, where, when, why and how the control of Grey Squirrels will be carried out

Justification:

The Initiative includes some community engagement

9.2 Formal learning

The initiative will provide opportunity for children and young people to improve their attainment and achievement?

■ *Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable*

Mitigation:

none

Justification:

The initiative will not provide formal education

Natural Environment

10 Natural Environment

The initiative will contribute towards protecting and improving the natural environment within the area?

+ *Yes – largely true, but still more to do*

Justification:

The initiative is aimed at restoring Red squirrels to areas where they have been displaced by grey squirrels.

Mitigation:

Land management, and control of invasive non-native species will help to increase the areas where Red Squirrels are resident

10.1 Air, Water and Land Quality

The initiative will protect and enhance the quality of the area`s air, water and land?

+ *Yes – largely true, but still more to do*

Mitigation:

removal of invasive non-native species will help to improve the quality of land for native Red Squirrels

Justification:

The initiative will help to improve the land quality by improving the habitats for Red Squirrels

10.2 Biodiversity

The project or proposal will protect, enhance and manage the area`s biodiversity?

+ *Yes – completely true*

Mitigation:

Control, or completely remove grey squirrels will increase opportunities for red squirrels

Justification:

The initiative`s main aim is to improve the numbers and distribution of Red Squirrels

10.3 Historic Natural Environment

The initiative will protect, enhance and manage the area`s historic natural environment?

+ *Yes – completely true*

Mitigation:

Control grey squirrel numbers to a level that will allow red squirrels to return to areas where they have been displaced

Justification:

The initiative aims to restore Red Squirrels to areas where they have been displaced by invasive, non-native grey squirrels

10.4 Landscape, Geology and Soils

The initiative will protect, enhance and manage the area`s natural landscape, geology and soils?

+ *Yes – largely true, but still more to do*

Mitigation:

Land management will help to provide suitable habitats for Red Squirrels to flourish

Justification:

The initiative aims to restore an iconic species which is reliant on certain landscape features.

Transport & Connectivity

11 Transport and Connectivity

The initiative will contribute towards providing accessible and appropriate transport services and communication, linking people to jobs, schools, health and other services?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Justification:

Transport and connectivity are not relevant to the initiative

Mitigation:

none

11.1 Accessibility and Connectivity

The initiative provides and supports adequate and accessible transport provision for everyone?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

None

11.2 Sustainable Transport

The initiative supports and encourages the provision of sustainable modes of transport?

Don't know – it's not relevant/not applicable

Mitigation:

None