

TOOLKIT RESPONSE SUMMARY

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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?

 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

Trees contribute positively to local character and well designed built environment

1.1 Historic Built Environment

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

 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

Trees make a positive contribution to the built heritage and to historical features. Trees provide a natural setting for these features for example Kinnoull Hill Woodland compliments the setting of Kinnoull Tower.

1.2 Housing

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

 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

New tree planting and well maintained mature trees contribute positively to well designed and sustainable housing including affordable.

1.3 Identity and Character

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


 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

Trees contribute in a positive manner to a sense of place

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 – completely true*


Justification:

Trees are inspected to ensure they are not in poor condition posing unnecessary risks. Trees make a positive contribution to the attractiveness of open space.

Climate Change

2 Climate Change

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


 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

Trees make a positive contribution to reducing the causes and effects of climate change.

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)?


 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

Trees in poor condition that are likely to fail with more frequent storms are identified and either removed or pruned to make them safe.

2.2 Greenhouse Gas Mitigation

The initiative will help to mitigate greenhouse gases?

 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

Maintaining a healthy tree cover contributes to mitigating greenhouse gases.

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 – completely true

Justification:

The right tree in the right place contributes to a vibrant and safe community. Individuals are encouraged to participate and join Friends of Parks/Woodlands Groups and become involved with local decision making.

3.1 Access to services

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

Trees contribute positively to amenity for local communities.

3.2 Community Safety

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

Trees are regularly inspected and remedial work undertaken to reduce danger. Statistics show that the crime is lower in well landscaped areas, well designed greenspaces are good meeting places that promote social cohesiveness

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?

Not relevant

Justification:

The policies are based on law and statutory obligations

3.4 Identity and Citizenship

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

Trees contribute to local identity in a positive way.

Local tree wardens group supports citizenship.

3.5 Social Inclusion

The initiative will promote social inclusion for all?

Yes – completely true


Justification:

The same policies apply to all individuals and communities and are therefore socially inclusive.

Consumption & Production

4 Consumption and Production

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


 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

New trees for planting are purchased through the Tayside Procurement Consortium. Treework contractors are assessed on quality, price and health & safety

4.1 Energy

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


 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

Trees and woodlands provide shelter/windbreaks to reduce energy consumption

4.2 Waste

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

 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

No arisngs from tree work are sent to landfill. It is all recycled eg, brushwood chips/firewood.

Culture & Recreation

5 Culture and Recreation

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

 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

The tree wardens scheme help build stronger learning and knowledge-based communities

Access to woodlands and well managed open space contributes positively to a vibrant and sustainable local communities which promote wellbeing and community spirit

To work & visit... we will contribute to a growing and diverse local cultural economy by supporting creativity and tourism.

Trees and woodlands make a positive contribution to tourism

5.1 Cultural Heritage

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

 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

Well managed trees and woodlands contribute positively to the setting of assets of local culture and heritage. Trees are inspected regularly to ensure they are an enhancement and not a threat.

5.2 Leisure, Sport and Recreation

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

 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

Trees and woodlands contribute positively to well-maintained, local, user-friendly open spaces with facilities for everyone (Principle 6)

Economy

6 Economy

The initiative will encourage sustainable economic growth?

Yes – completely true

Justification:

Trees and woodlands make a positive contribution to sustainable economic growth

6.1 Business

The initiative will encourage business creation and development?

Yes – completely true

Justification:

Trees and woodlands make a positive contribution to the attractiveness of the area which encourages business creation and development for Perth & Kinross

6.2 Employment

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

Not relevant

6.3 Tourism

The initiative will help promote sustainable tourism for the area?

Yes – completely true

Justification:

Trees and woodlands make a positive contribution to sustainable tourism

6.4 Well Skilled

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

Not relevant

Equality & Diversity

7 Equality and Diversity

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

+ Yes – completely true

Justification:

The policies will promote equal access and inclusiveness for everyone

7.1 Age

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

+ Yes – completely true

Justification:

The policies do not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against age groups of any range

7.2 Disability

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

+ Yes – completely true

Justification:

The policies will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against people with disability?

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?

+ Yes – completely true

Justification:

The policies will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against people who choose not to live as their birth gender

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?

+ Yes – completely true

Justification:

The policies will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against married people or civil (same sex) partners

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?

+ Yes – completely true

Justification:

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

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?

+ Yes – completely true

Justification:

The policies will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against any racial groups as recognised in the Equality Act 2010

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?


+ Yes – completely true

Justification:

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

7.8 Sex

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

 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

The policies will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against either men or women?

7.9 Sexual Orientation

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

 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

The policies will not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual (LGB) or heterosexual/straight people

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?


 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

The policies contribute positively to developing educated, responsible and informed citizens by publishing the policies on the web.
Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy by making P&K an attractive place to live and work, visit..
Supporting people to lead independent, health and active lives by promoting access to well managed areas of open space
Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations
The trees and woodlands are well maintained for future generations to enjoy.

8.1 Lifestyle

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


 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

Trees and woodlands contribute to well-maintained, local, user-friendly open spaces with facilities for everyone (Principle 6)

8.2 Physical Environment

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

 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

Trees and woodlands contribute positively to protecting and improving natural resources and biodiversity (e.g. air quality, water quality, contaminated land) (Principle 5) and well-maintained, local, user-friendly open spaces with facilities for everyone (Principle 6)

8.3 Social Environment

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

 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

Trees and woodlands make a positive contribution to a healthier social environment enhancing landscape quality and biodiversity. Access to parks and woodlands promotes good health

Lifelong Learning

9 Lifelong learning

The initiative will promote opportunities for lifelong learning?

+ *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

The policies contribute positively to Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy

9.1 Community Learning and Development

The initiative will provide opportunity for community learning and development?

+ *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

The policies are available on the councils web site

9.2 Formal learning

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

+ *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

Children and schools are able to access well maintained areas of open space and woodlands to improve their attainment and achievement

Natural Environment

10 Natural Environment

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

+ Yes – completely true

Justification:

The policies will protect and improving the natural environment within the area

10.1 Air, Water and Land Quality

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

+ Yes – completely true

Justification:

Trees and woodlands make a positive contribution to air and water quality, the councils trees and woodlands are managed on a continuous cover basis which contributes positively to soil quality.

10.2 Biodiversity

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

+ Yes – completely true

Justification:

Trees and woodlands make a positive contribution to the areas biodiversity

10.3 Historic Natural Environment

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

+ Yes – completely true

Justification:

The presence of trees and the policies to manage them support the following:

Efficient use of resources now and in the future in the built environment and service provision (e.g. energy efficiency, land, water resources, flood defence, waste minimisation) (Principle 2)

Mitigation and adaptation to manage the impact of climate change & reduce the production of greenhouse gases (Principle 3)

Protecting and improving natural resources and biodiversity (e.g. air quality, water quality, contaminated land) (Principle 5)

Opportunities for cultural, leisure, community, sport and other activities (Principle 27).

10.4 Landscape, Geology and Soils

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

+ Yes – completely true

Justification:

Trees and woodlands and the policies will protect, enhance and manage the area's natural landscape, geology and soils

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?

Yes – completely true

Justification:

Trees and woodlands are well maintained and non vehicular access through parks, woodlands and other open space to link people with schools hospitals work places etc is supported by the policies

11.1 Accessibility and Connectivity

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

Not relevant

11.2 Sustainable Transport

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

The trees and woodlands are inspected to ensure they provide safe access for sustainable modes of transport, walking, cycling.