

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:

Through the supply of housing and place making policies and proposals

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:

Through the bringing back into use of buildings whilst maintaining their historical features, such as the use of the Caledonian School for housing, the strategy fulfils the above.

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:

Through its links to the Housing Needs and Demand Assessment the strategy provides information in relation to the number and type of housing required across all tenures including paying particular attention to affordable housing. Through the supply of housing and place making, housing and homelessness and independent living chapters the strategy also fulfils the above. The councils buy back of housing and also its continued investment in adapting homes to meet the needs of households will also help to provide a sufficient range of housing.

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:

Through the Supply of Housing and Place-Making. Reference to regeneration projects such as the development in Muirton Perth also provide justification.

1.4 Open Space

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

 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

The strategy makes reference to initiatives resulting from the Estates Based Initiatives programme which have and will continue to enhance neighbourhood open spaces.

Climate Change

2 Climate Change

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

Not relevant

2.1 Adaptation

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

Through the chapter on House Condition, Fuel Poverty and Climate Change, the strategy takes account of potential changes due to climate change, where relevant. The strategy is also linked to other Council Strategies that also consider Climate Change e.g. where the strategy is harmonious with the Local Development Plan.

2.2 Greenhouse Gas Mitigation

The initiative will help to mitigate greenhouse gases?

Yes – completely true

Justification:

The strategy references the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 and highlights that by improving the energy efficiency of the residential properties there will be a reduction in the levels of green house gasses produced. Overall the Chapter on House Condition, Fuel Poverty and Climate Change addresses the above

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?

Not relevant

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:

By supporting the building of new residential properties the strategy actively looks to support access to jobs. The Estates Based Initiatives have also led to people being put in touch with training for work programmes. The strategy also makes reference to it links with the new model of service delivery for housing and homelessness. The strategy supports the Scottish Government Nations Outcomes including Sustainable Places, whereby: We live in well designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need.

3.2 Community Safety

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

The strategy addresses the above through Local Outcome2: People are living in safe and sustainable communities.

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

Justification:

This is answer justified through where the strategy documents the 4 workshops that helped to inform the outcomes. The public consultation process also demonstrates where the strategy looked to engage with members of the community. Copies of the strategy were also made available in languages other than English and in other formats on request, to ensure everyone who wanted to comment could do.

3.4 Identity and Citizenship

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

The LHS does support and enhance local identity in a physical sense through the Supply of Housing and Place-Making chapter. Furthermore the LHS also encourages citizenship and community involvement through the encouraging participation in the process, which in turn plays a part in shaping communities.

3.5 Social Inclusion

The initiative will promote social inclusion for all?

Yes – completely true

Justification:

The consultation process invited members of the community be involved in the process and the workshops also promoted an inclusive approach. The chapter on Supply of Housing and Place-Making also promotes social inclusion for all.

Consumption & Production

4 Consumption and Production

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

Not relevant

4.1 Energy

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

The chapter on House Condition, Fuel Poverty and Climate Change addresses the above.

4.2 Waste

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

By promoting sustainable communities and continuing to involve tenants in decisions that will improve their environment through initiatives such as the Estate Based Initiatives, the strategy will contribute to addressing the above.

Culture & Recreation

5 Culture and Recreation

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

Not relevant

5.1 Cultural Heritage

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

Not relevant

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:

The National Outcome framework has informed the LHS and in particular National Outcome: We live longer, healthier, lives. The strategy is committed to ensuring people live in sustainable places where they are able to access the amenities and services they need, including access to the facilities listed above.

Economy

6 Economy

The initiative will encourage sustainable economic growth?

Not relevant

6.1 Business

The initiative will encourage business creation and development?

Yes – largely true, but still more to do

Justification:

Through its commitment to deliver new build homes, the LHS will encourage business creation and development within the building trade.

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

Justification:

The new model of service delivery

"Has a greater focus on customer / tenant involvement enhancing community and employability initiatives"

6.3 Tourism

The initiative will help promote sustainable tourism for the area?

Not relevant

6.4 Well Skilled

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

Yes – largely true, but still more to do

Justification:

Through monitoring the number of individuals who go through the resident academy trainee scheme, the LHS is involved in developing and improving the skills of local tenants.

Equality & Diversity

7 Equality and Diversity

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

Not relevant

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 proposals and policies in contained within the plan will be applicable to all members of Perth and Kinross's population and will not discriminate directly or indirectly against individuals regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, disability, race or any other identifiable characteristic.

7.2 Disability

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

The proposals and policies in contained within the plan will be applicable to all members of Perth and Kinross's population and will not discriminate directly or indirectly against individuals regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, disability, race or any other identifiable characteristic.

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 proposals and policies in contained within the plan will be applicable to all members of Perth and Kinross's population and will not discriminate directly or indirectly against individuals regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, disability, race or any other identifiable characteristic.

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 proposals and policies in contained within the plan will be applicable to all members of Perth and Kinross's population and will not discriminate directly or indirectly against individuals regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, disability, race or any other identifiable characteristic.

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 proposals and policies in contained within the plan will be applicable to all members of Perth and Kinross's population and will not discriminate directly or indirectly against individuals regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, disability, race or any other identifiable characteristic.

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 proposals and policies in contained within the plan will be applicable to all members of Perth and Kinross's population and will not

discriminate directly or indirectly against individuals regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, disability, race or any other identifiable characteristic.

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 proposals and policies in contained within the plan will be applicable to all members of Perth and Kinross's population and will not discriminate directly or indirectly against individuals regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, disability, race or any other identifiable characteristic.

7.8 Sex

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


 *Yes – completely true*

Justification:

The proposals and policies in contained within the plan will be applicable to all members of Perth and Kinross's population and will not discriminate directly or indirectly against individuals regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, disability, race or any other identifiable characteristic.

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 proposals and policies in contained within the plan will be applicable to all members of Perth and Kinross's population and will not discriminate directly or indirectly against individuals regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief, disability, race or any other identifiable characteristic.

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?

Not relevant

8.1 Lifestyle

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

By creating sustainable homes that are resource efficient and promote well-being.
By providing homes that meet the peoples needs including supporting independent living.

8.2 Physical Environment

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

By creating sustainable homes that are resource efficient and promote well-being.
By working with the Community Empowerment Working Group on projects such as:

- Community Greenspace Review – to identify grounds maintenance sites not owned by the Council which could be adopted by local communities, with support from the Council.

8.3 Social Environment

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

Through the place making policies contained in the strategy

Lifelong Learning

9 Lifelong learning

The initiative will promote opportunities for lifelong learning?

Not relevant

9.1 Community Learning and Development

The initiative will provide opportunity for community learning and development?

Yes – completely true

Justification:

Through monitoring the number of individuals who go through the resident academy trainee scheme.

9.2 Formal learning

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

Yes – completely true

Justification:

Through the policies and proposals that are directly linked to training, education and employability.

Natural Environment

10 Natural Environment

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

Not relevant

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

Justification:

Through the policies and proposals in relation to climate change.

10.2 Biodiversity

The initiative will protect, enhance and manage the area's biodiversity?

Yes – largely true, but still more to do

Justification:

Through the policies and proposals in relation to climate change.

10.3 Historic Natural Environment

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

Yes – largely true, but still more to do

Justification:

Through the policies and proposals in relation to the use of greenspaces

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

Justification:

Through the policies and proposals in relation to the use of greenspaces

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?

Not relevant

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?

Not relevant