

IMPACT AND VALUE ASSESSMENT

Report Title: Birnam Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan

Where the Impact & Value Assessment has identified a likely impact in relation to the committee proposal, detailed evidence is provided below.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan

Working in partnership with communities? - YES.

Tackling poverty? - NO.

Tackling climate change and supporting sustainable places? - YES.

Developing as resilient, stronger and greener local economy? - NO.

Enabling our children & young people to achieve their full potential? - NO.

Protecting and caring for our most vulnerable people? - NO.

Supporting and promoting physical and mental wellbeing? - NO.

Legal and Governance

Legal implications identified? - YES.

The Council has a duty under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 “to formulate and publish, from time to time, proposals for the preservation and enhancement of any parts of their district which are Conservation Areas.” The Birnam CAA has been produced with no proposed change to the Conservation Area boundary, but a new Article 4 Direction and Regulation 11 have been drafted for approval of the Scottish Ministers.

Governance implications identified? - NO.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Finance

Financial implications identified? - NO.

Workforce

Workforce implications identified? - NO.

Asset Management

Asset Management implications identified? - YES.

The review is proposed to ensure that the existing Conservation Area boundaries are fit for purpose, and the areas meet the criteria for designation. The review will also incorporate reflection on the role of Conservation Areas in delivering the Council's priorities in respect of sustainable economic development, climate change, and the need to preserve and enhance the built heritage of Perth and Kinross in accordance with local and national planning policy.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Consultation

Internal or external consultation? - YES.

Internal and external consultation undertaken. The review of the Birnam Conservation Area was carried out in 2025. Consultation with the public, local community groups and national bodies on the revised Birnam Conservation Area Appraisal was undertaken during September 2025 which included a public drop-in session held at the Birnam Arts Centre on 2 September, attended by over 30 individuals. This event also covered the other two Conservation Areas that were being re-appraised, Spittalfield and Dunkeld. A notice of the exhibition was placed on the PKC website and advertised through social media. The Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council were contacted about the event also. Input from residents and property owners is an important part of the appraisal process. The consultation period for comments was open until 22 September 2025. Written responses were received from Historic Environment Scotland, Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust and two local residents. A summary of the comments received is attached to the committee report in Appendix 1.

Communications

Communications plan? - NO.

POLICY CHECKLIST

This report represents a new policy or a change to an existing policy document.

Corporate Risk Assessment

Corporate risk implications identified? - NO.

Equality & Fairness Impact Assessment (EFIA)

Protected equality characteristics impact? - NO.

Human Rights impact? - NO IMPACT.

Inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage impact? - NO IMPACT.

Inequalities of outcome in relation to Communities of Place or Communities of Interest impact? - NO IMPACT.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

This proposal does not qualify for SEA.

Climate Change Impact Assessment

Business, Industry & Supply Chain impact? - NO.

Energy, Buildings & Infrastructure impact? - NO.

Land Use & Land-Use Change impact? - NO.

Transport & Connectivity impact? - NO.

Waste & the Circular Economy impact? - NO.

Climate Resilience & Engagement impact? - NO.

Child Rights & Wellbeing Impact Assessment

Impact based on the GIRFEC wellbeing indicators? - NO.

Sustainable Procurement & Supply Impact Assessment

Resource use and consumption impact? - NO.

Social wellbeing impact? - NO.

Environmental wellbeing impact? - YES.

A Conservation Area Appraisal is an important management tool that identifies the special interest and changing needs of a conservation area, and its key objectives are to ensure the integrity of the conservation area is maintained, to prevent erosion of its character, and enable future development that enhances its character and appearance.

Economic wellbeing impact? - NO.

Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)

Impact related to personal data/information? - NO.