

IMPACT AND VALUE ASSESSMENT

Report Title: Open Space Strategy

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? - YES.

Enabling our children & young people to achieve their full potential? - YES.

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

Supporting and promoting physical and mental wellbeing? - YES.

Legal and Governance

Subject to a legislative framework? - Yes

The legislative framework for this report is the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019. Section 3G of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 amends the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to require an OSS comprising: (a) an audit of existing open space, (b) an assessment of current and future requirements, and (c) any other matter the authority considers appropriate. It also defines open space, green infrastructure and green networks for the purpose of strategy preparation.

Legal implications identified? - NO.

Governance implications identified? - NO.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Finance

Financial implications identified? - YES.

Workforce

Workforce implications identified? - NO.

Asset Management

Asset Management implications identified? - YES.

The Community Greenspace Asset Management Plan (CGAMP) records the Council's plans for the management of the Greenspace Assets. The document sets out the investment and service being provided by the Council for the

residents, business and visitors to Perth and Kinross. The Open Space Strategy will have implications for future investment and service provision.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Consultation

Internal or external consultation? - NO.

Communications

Communications plan? - YES.

The OSS will be published and advertised through the Council's comms channels. The key target audiences are community groups, internal departments and external agencies.

POLICY CHECKLIST

This report has been classified as being an operational report with new or additional strategic and resource implications.

Corporate Risk Assessment

Corporate risk implications identified? - YES.

Climate change risk mitigation The Open Space Strategy (OSS) provides a strategic framework for the planning, management and enhancement of blue-green infrastructure networks. Effective stewardship of these assets, including Council-owned greenspaces, supports climate change mitigation and adaptation objectives Addressing inequality The OSS identifies areas of deficiency in both the quantity and accessibility of open spaces, including parks, equipped play areas and playing fields. Its implementation supports the Council's objective to reduce inequalities by improving equitable access to high-quality open spaces for all communities. Financial risk and resourcing constraints While the OSS identifies priorities for new provision and enhancement of existing open spaces, it does not allocate specific funding for capital delivery or ongoing maintenance. This creates a risk that insufficient financial resources could delay or limit implementation, impacting the Council's ability to meet community needs and strategic objectives. Council assets - safety, quality, value The OSS is underpinned by a quality audit of existing Council greenspace assets, identifying areas requiring improvement. Implementation of the Strategy supports the management of assets to ensure they are safe, fit for purpose, and deliver best value; however, failure to secure necessary investment may result in asset deterioration and increased long-term costs.

Equality & Fairness Impact Assessment (EFIA)

Protected equality characteristics impact? - YES.

The OSS seeks to deliver equitable access to good quality open spaces for all. This includes improved accessibility for those with disability and increased provision in areas of disadvantage, where required to meet standard. The OSS seeks to ensure children and young people have sufficient access to good quality play provision.

A full EFIA is required (based on likely impacts to protected equality characteristics) and will be undertaken before the report is implemented.

Human Rights impact? - No impact.

Inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage impact? - Positive impact only.

The OSS is informed by an audit of the quantity, quality and accessibility of open space provision across P&K. This identifies locations that fail to meet standard and where these are areas of deprivation then the strategy will have a

positive impact through its implementation.

A full EFIA is required (including details of likely impacts from inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage) and will be undertaken before the report is implemented.

Inequalities of outcome in relation to Communities of Place or Communities of Interest impact? - Positive impact only.

All residents can reach good-quality open space locally, with improved provision where deficits have been identified. Open space and play networks work for all - especially children and young people, disabled people, older people, and communities experiencing disadvantage.

A full EFIA is required (including details of likely impacts from inequalities of outcome in relation to Communities of Place or Communities of Interest) and will be undertaken before the report is implemented.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

A full SEA is required and an Environmental Report will be undertaken in-line with Scottish Government guidance and timelines before this report is implemented.

Climate Change Impact Assessment

Business, Industry & Supply Chain impact? - NO.

Energy Consumption impact? - NO.

Buildings & Infrastructure impact? - NO.

Land Use & Land-Use Change impact? - YES.

An outcome of the OSS is to use open space to reduce emissions (e.g., through modal shift and urban greening) and to adapt to climate risks (SUDS, shading, cooling, flood storage).

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? - YES.

The OSS seeks to improve health and wellbeing through increased active use of safe, welcoming, inclusive spaces; reduce inequalities in access and quality. The OSS seeks to ensure open space and play networks work for all – especially children and young people, disabled people, older people, and communities experiencing disadvantage. The OSS seeks to ensure a sufficiency of formal and informal play spaces for different ages and disabilities, with safe, inclusive routes to get there. This includes gathering views from children and young people on the spaces they use for play and how they should be developed.

Sustainable Procurement & Supply Impact Assessment

Resource use and consumption impact? - NO.

Social wellbeing impact? - NO.

Environmental wellbeing impact? - NO.

Economic wellbeing impact? - NO.

Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)

Impact related to personal data/information? - NO.