

The purpose of Aberdeen City Council is to protect the people and the place of Aberdeen from harm, enabling them to prosper and supporting them in the event of harm happening.

The purpose of an Integrated Impact Assessment is to evidence that Aberdeen City Council are making decisions in an informed way, and that the impact of decisions made is understood and accepted. The legislation that is considered within this assessment are:

- Section 2 [Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics](#)
- Section 3 [Socio-Economic](#)
- Section 4 [Human Rights](#)
- Section 5 [Children and Young People’s Rights](#)

The term ‘policy’ is used throughout this document and applies to policies, proposals, strategies, provision, criteria, functions, practice, budget savings and activities that includes delivery of our services.

## 1. About the Policy

### 1.1 Title

Development Plan Scheme (DPS) for the Local Development Plan 2028

### 1.2 What does this policy seek to achieve?

This Integrated Impact Assessment relates to a report to Finance and Resources Committee on 07 August 2024, the recommendations of which are:

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Approve the content of the Development Plan Scheme 2024 (Appendix 1) and instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to, subject to any minor drafting changes, publish it in accordance with relevant legislation.

The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (the Act) requires all Councils to prepare a Development Plan Scheme, annually. Following the adoption of the new Local Development Plan (June 2023), preparation of the next Local Development Plan (LDP) begins, to be adopted in 2028. This Development Plan Scheme (DPS) sets out the timetable of works for the preparation of the new LDP 2028.

The DPS provides information on the following issues:

- Why we need to progress a new Local Development Plan (LDP)
- Stages of the new plan process
- The timetable for preparing and adopting the 2028 Plan
- Evidence report contents
- Stages of the evidence report
- The timetable for the evidence report

### 1.3 Is this a new or existing policy?

Existing

<b>1.4 Is this report going to a committee?</b>
Yes
<b>1.5 Committee name and date:</b>
Finance and Resources Committee 07 August 2024
<b>1.6 Report no and / or Budget proposal number and / or Business Case reference number:</b>
CR&E/24/213
<b>1.7 Function and cluster:</b>
Commissioning / Strategic Place Planning

## Impacts

This section demonstrates the considerations that have been made in relation to the policy - and that the impact of proposals made is understood and accepted.

### 2: Equality Act 2010 - Protected Characteristics

Aberdeen City Council wants to ensure everyone is treated fairly. This section identifies the [protected characteristics](#) that the policy potentially affects and records the impact and mitigating steps.

2.1 What impact could this policy have on any of the below groups?

Protected Characteristic	What is the impact?				
	Negative			Neutral	Positive
	High	Medium	Low		
<a href="#">Age</a>				X	
<a href="#">Disability</a>				X	
<a href="#">Gender Reassignment</a>				X	
<a href="#">Marriage and Civil Partnership</a>				X	
<a href="#">Pregnancy and Maternity</a>				X	
<a href="#">Race</a>				X	
<a href="#">Religion or Belief</a>				X	
<a href="#">Sex</a>				X	
<a href="#">Sexual Orientation</a>				X	

2.2 In what way will the policy impact people with these protected characteristics?

The DPS contains a timetable of works for the preparation of the new Local Development Plan 2028. The DPS is not expected to have any high negative or medium negative impacts on the above groups. It does not set policy in itself so its impact is neutral.

2.3 What considerations have been made in reaching the above assessment?

#### What internal or external data has been considered? What does this data tell us?

The DPS includes a Participation Statement, which was prepared last year following a period of public consultation. Consultation is not required for this years update to the DPS, as no significant changes are proposed to the Participation Statement.

#### What consultation and engagement and has been undertaken with officers and partner organisations?

N/A

**What consultation and engagement and has been undertaken with people who may be impacted by this policy (e.g. citizens, community groups, or other people/groups)?**

The DPS includes a Participation Statement, which was prepared last year following a period of public consultation. Consultation is not required for this year's update to the Development Plan Scheme, as no significant changes are proposed to the Participation Statement.

2.4 What mitigations can be put in place?

**What mitigations are there against any negative impacts (if applicable)?**

N/A

**With mitigations in place, what is the new overall rating of the negative impact(s)?**

High
Medium
Low
Negative Impact Removed

### 3: Socio-Economic Impacts

This section is used to consider the impact of the policy on people who might be **unemployed, single parents**, people with lower **education** or **literacy**, **looked after children**, those with **protected characteristics** as examples.

Use this guide to understand more on socio-economic inequalities: [The Fairer Scotland Duty: Guidance for Public Bodies \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

#### 3.1 What impact could this policy have on any of the below groups?

Group	Negative			Neutral	Positive
	High	Medium	Low		
Low income / income poverty – those who cannot afford regular bills, food, clothing payments.				X	
Low and/or no wealth – those who can meet basic living costs but have no savings for unexpected spend or provision for the future				X	
Material deprivation – those who cannot access basic goods and services, unable to repair/replace broken electrical goods, heat their homes or access to leisure or hobbies				X	
Area deprivation – consider where people live and where they work (accessibility and cost of transport)				X	
Socio-economic background – social class, parents' education, employment, income.				X	

#### 3.2 In what way will the policy impact people in these groups?

The impacts of the update to the DSP itself will be neutral as it contains a timetable of works for the preparation of the new Local Development Plan 2028. However, the processes outlined in the DPS will contribute to the framing of policies. These policies will likely impact positively on issues such as area deprivation, but this will be assessed when the policies are written during the Proposed Plan stage of LDP production.

#### 3.3 What considerations have been made in reaching the above assessment?

**What internal or external data has been considered? What does this data tell us?**

The above assessment is based on officer judgement on the expected impacts of the update to the DPS, taking into account that fact that it does not set new policy.

**What consultation and engagement and has been undertaken with officers and partner organisations?**

N/A

**What consultation and engagement and has been undertaken with people who may be impacted by this policy? citizens, community groups, or other people/groups impacted by this policy?**

N/A

#### 3.4 What mitigations can be put in place?

**What mitigations are there against any negative impacts (if applicable)?**

N/A

**With mitigations in place, what is the new overall rating of the negative impact(s)?**

High

Medium

Low

## 4: Human Rights Impacts

The Human Rights Act 1998 sets out the fundamental rights and freedoms that everyone in the UK is entitled to. It incorporates the rights set out in the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) into domestic British law. The Human Rights Act came into force in the UK in October 2000

The Act sets out our human rights in a series of 'Articles'. Each Article deals with a different right.

Use this guide to understand more about [Human Rights](#).

### 4.1 What impact could this policy have on Human Rights?

Human Rights Article	Negative	Neutral	Positive
<b>Article 6:</b> <a href="#">Right to a fair trial</a>		X	
<b>Article 7:</b> <a href="#">No punishment without law</a>		X	
<b>Article 8:</b> <a href="#">Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence</a>		X	
<b>Article 9:</b> <a href="#">Freedom of thought, belief and religion</a>		X	
<b>Article 10:</b> <a href="#">Freedom of expression</a>		X	
<b>Article 11:</b> <a href="#">Freedom of assembly and association</a>		X	
<b>Article 12:</b> <a href="#">Right to marry and start a family</a>		X	
<b>Article 14:</b> <a href="#">Protection from discrimination in respect of these rights and freedoms</a>		X	
<b>Article 1 of Protocol 1:</b> <a href="#">Right to peaceful enjoyment of your property</a>		X	
<b>Article 2 of Protocol 1:</b> <a href="#">Right to education</a>		X	
<b>Article 3 of Protocol 1:</b> <a href="#">Right to participate in free elections</a>		X	

### 4.2 In what way will the policy impact Human Rights?

The DPS contains a timetable of works for the preparation of the new Local Development Plan 2028. The DPS is not expected to have any high negative or medium negative impacts on any of the Human Rights Articles listed above. It does not set policy in itself so its impact is neutral.

### 4.3 What mitigations can be put in place?

What mitigations are there against any negative impacts (if applicable)?	
If mitigations are in place, does this remove the negative impact?	No – negative impact remains
	Yes – negative impact reduced
	Yes - negative impact removed

## 5: Children and Young People’s Rights Impacts

The United Nations Convention has 54 articles that cover all aspects of a child’s life and set out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights that all children everywhere are entitled to. It also explains how adults and governments must work together to make sure all children can enjoy all their rights.

Children’s rights apply to every child/young person under the age of 18 and to adults still eligible to receive a “children’s service” (e.g. care leavers aged 18 – 25 years old).

The Conventions are also known as the “General Principles” and they help to interpret all the other articles and play a fundamental role in realising all the rights in the Convention for all children. They are:

1. Non-discrimination (Article 2)
2. Best interest of the child (Article 3)
3. Right to life survival and development (Article 6)
4. Right to be heard (Article 12)

You can [read the full UN Convention \(pdf\)](#), or [just a summary \(pdf\)](#), to find out more about the rights that are included.

### 5.1 What impact could this policy have on the rights of Children and Young People?

UNCRC and Optional Protocols	Negative	Neutral	Positive
<b>Article 1:</b> definition of the child		X	
<b>Article 2:</b> non-discrimination		X	
<b>Article 3:</b> best interests of the child		X	
<b>Article 4:</b> implementation of the convention		X	
<b>Article 5:</b> parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities		X	
<b>Article 6:</b> life, survival and development		X	
<b>Article 7:</b> birth registration, name, nationality, care		X	
<b>Article 8:</b> protection and preservation of identity		X	
<b>Article 9:</b> separation from parents		X	
<b>Article 10:</b> family reunification		X	
<b>Article 11:</b> abduction and non-return of children		X	
<b>Article 12:</b> respect for the views of the child		X	
<b>Article 13:</b> freedom of expression		X	
<b>Article 14:</b> freedom of thought, belief and religion		X	
<b>Article 15:</b> freedom of association		X	
<b>Article 16:</b> right to privacy		X	
<b>Article 17:</b> access to information from the media		X	
<b>Article 18:</b> parental responsibilities and state assistance		X	
<b>Article 19:</b> protection from violence, abuse and neglect		X	
<b>Article 20:</b> children unable to live with their family		X	
<b>Article 21:</b> adoption		X	
<b>Article 22:</b> refugee children		X	
<b>Article 23:</b> children with a disability		X	
<b>Article 24:</b> health and health services		X	
<b>Article 25:</b> review of treatment in care		X	
<b>Article 26:</b> social security		X	
<b>Article 27:</b> adequate standard of living		X	
<b>Article 28:</b> right to education		X	

<b>Article 29:</b> goals of education		X	
<b>Article 30:</b> children from minority or indigenous groups		X	
<b>Article 31:</b> leisure, play and culture		X	
<b>Article 32:</b> child labour		X	
<b>Article 33:</b> drug abuse		X	
<b>Article 34:</b> sexual exploitation		X	
<b>Article 35:</b> abduction, sale and trafficking		X	
<b>Article 36:</b> other forms of exploitation		X	
<b>Article 37:</b> inhumane treatment and detention		X	
<b>Article 38:</b> war and armed conflicts		X	
<b>Article 39:</b> recovery from trauma and reintegration		X	
<b>Article 40:</b> juvenile justice		X	
<b>Article 41:</b> respect for higher national standards		X	
<b>Article 42:</b> knowledge of rights		X	
<b>Optional</b> Protocol on a Communications Procedure			

5.2 In what way will the policy impact the rights of Children and Young People?

The DPS contains a timetable of works for the preparation of the new Local Development Plan 2028. The DPS is not expected to have any high negative or medium negative impacts on any of the UNCRC Articles listed above. It does not set policy in itself so its impact is neutral.

5.3 What mitigations can be put in place?

**What mitigations are there against any negative impacts (if applicable)?**

**If mitigations are in place, does this remove the negative impact?**

No – negative impact remains

Yes – negative impact reduced

Yes - negative impact removed

## 6: Sign Off

<b>Any further positive or negative impacts on individuals or groups that have been considered?</b>
N/A
<b>Overall summary of changes made as a result of impact assessment.</b>
No changes have been made as a direct result of the impact assessment, as no negative impacts have been identified
<b>Outline of how impact of policy will be monitored.</b>
Further IIAs will be carried out during the preparation and development of the Local Development Plan
<b>If there are any remaining negative impacts after mitigation, what is the justification for why this policy should proceed.</b>

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