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	<i>(Please note: the word 'policy' is used as shorthand for strategy policy function or financial decision)</i>			
Policy Title	Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement			
	The aim, objective,purpose and intended out come of policy			
	This document sets out the timeline for the preparation of a new Local Development Plan and how the Council will encourage participation.			
	Service/Partners/Stakeholders/service users involved in the development and/or implementation of policy.			
	Communities Team Performance and Strategy Team			
Does the proposals involve the procurement of any goods or services?			Yes	
If yes please confirm that you have contacted our procurement services to discuss your requirements.			No	
SCREENING				
<i>You must indicate if there is any relevance to the four areas</i>				
Duty to eliminate discrimination (E), advance equal opportunities (A) or foster good relations (F)			Yes	
Relevance to Human Rights (HR)			Yes	
Relevance to Health Impacts (H)			Yes	
Relevance to Social Economic Impacts (SE)			Yes	
Who will be affected by this policy?				
Communities, businesses and organisations operating within West Dunbartonshire. People who work in and visit West Dunbartonshire. Property owners and developers.				
Who will be/has been involved in the consultation process?				
Residents of West Dunbartonshire and businesses and organisations active or with an interest in West Dunbartonshire.				
Please outline any particular need/barriers which equality groups may have in relation to this policy list evidence you are using to support this and whether there is any negative impact on particular groups.				
	Needs	Evidence	Impact	
Age	Young people should be engaged in the Local Development Plan process. The needs of older people and their carers should be addressed by the	Planning is concerned with the creation of better places. This requires development that can accommodate future changes of use, taking into	There is a statutory requirement for young people and children to be engaged in the Local Development Plan process, and for a statement to be	

	Local Development Plan.	account how people use places differently, for example depending on age and degree of personal mobility.	prepared setting out the steps taken, and how views have been taken into account. The Participation Statement highlights the requirement to engage with children and young people and seeks views on how to do this. Consultation on the associated Play Sufficiency Assessment will be particularly relevant for children and young people. The needs of older people, including for housing, will be consulted on as part of the Local Development Plan process.
Cross Cutting			
Disability	Disabled people and their carers should be engaged in the Local Development Plan process.	Planning is concerned with the creation of better places. This requires development that can accommodate future changes of use, taking into account how people use places differently, for example depending on the degree of personal mobility and how places can affect people's health and wellbeing. Though planning may have focussed on issues around barriers to mobility, it should also include consideration of people with mental health needs and	There is a statutory requirement for disabled people to be engaged in the Local Development Plan process, and for a statement to be prepared setting out the steps taken, and how views have been taken into account.

		those living with dementia.	
Social & Economic Impact	People from disadvantaged communities should be able to participate in the Local Development Plan process.	There is a spatial element to socio economic deprivation and development. For example more deprived people are more likely to live near vacant or derelict land than less deprived people.	The consultation will target residents and resident groups in disadvantaged areas.
Sex	People of different sex should be able to participate in the Local Development Plan process	Planning is concerned with creation of better places. This requires development that can accommodate future changes of use, taking into account how people use places differently, for example depending on their sex. Organisations such as The World Bank have noted in general, 'cities work better for heterosexual, able-bodied, cisgender men than they do for women, girls, sexual and gender minorities, and people with disabilities'.	Consultation will be monitored to ensure that it is being directed
Gender Reassign	Transgender people should be able to participate in the Local Development Plan process	Transgender people may not feel comfortable attending consultation events.	Consultation events should be welcoming for all and online consultation will be available.
Health	People in poor health should be able to engage in the Local Development Plan process	Health and wellbeing is significantly impacted by where people live by, for example, access to services, greens space and air	Groups representing people in ill health and carers will be contacted as part of the consultation process.

		quality. This cross cuts with social and economic issues as more deprived communities have worse health outcomes	
Human Rights	In line with the UN Convention on Rights of the Child children and young people should be able to participate in the Local Development Plan Process. The human rights act gives people the right to freedom of expression, freedom from discrimination, and freedom to enjoy property. Article 8 also protects participation	Children and young people tend to be an under represented group in consultation and engagement. Scottish governments impact assessment on NPF4 noted that opportunities to participate in the planning system will help to uphold human rights.	In line with statutory duties in relation to engagement with Children and Young people, the participation statement sets out how we will engage with these groups. In line with the statutory duty to engage with the public at large and certain under represented groups we will enable people to express their views on the preparation of the development plan.
Marriage & Civil Partnership			
Pregnancy & Maternity	Pregnant women and the parents of very young children should be able to participate in the Local Development Plan process	There is considerable evidence of beneficial effects of access to green space for the health of pregnant women. Specifically, studies in Europe showed positive associations between access to nearby green space and both reduced blood pressure and reduced depression in pregnant women, with a stronger effect for reduced depression in disadvantaged groups. Research also shows that access to green	Pregnancy and maternity will not be monitored as part of equality monitoring, so relevant groups can be targetted during consultation, for example pre and post natal groups and health workers.

		<p>space in close proximity to the homes of pregnant women was positively associated with birth weight.</p> <p>Birth weight is a useful indicator of health in early life: low birth weight is one of the major predictors of neonatal and infant mortality, as well as long-term adverse effects in childhood and beyond. Recent studies also found a positive association between residential greenness measured and birth weight.</p>	
Race	<p>People of all races should be able to participate in the Local Development Plan process.</p>	<p>People who do not have English as a first language may not be aware of the Local Development Plan process or understand its significance for the area. They may struggle to submit consultation responses. Gypsy and Traveller groups have</p>	<p>There is a statutory requirement for Gypsy and Traveller groups to be engaged in the Local Development Plan process, and for a statement to be prepared setting out the steps taken, and how views have been taken into account.</p>
Religion and Belief	<p>People of different religions and beliefs should be able to participate in the Local development Plan process and have their views taken into account.</p>	<p>Local groups will be contacted as part of the consultation process.</p>	<p>The wide approach and proactive support should support participation.</p>
Sexual Orientation	<p>People of all sexual orientation should be able to participate in the Local Development Plan process</p>	<p>It has been suggested that there is a spatial dimension to where the LGBT community lives in Scotland, with a focus of the community in large</p>	<p>If there is a small LGBT population within West Dunbartonshire, this could impact on hearing voices from that community. Consultation will be monitored to</p>

		urban areas. This has, for example, potential implications for effective engagement with the community.	attempt to ensure participation from that community is achieved.	
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Actions

Policy has a negative impact on an equality group, but is still to be implemented, please provide justification for this.

Will the impact of the policy be monitored and reported on an ongoing basis?

Yes, equalities information of all LDP participants will be monitored. Where gaps exist, action will be taken to address them.

Q7 What is your recommendation for this policy?

Introduce

Please provide a meaningful summary of how you have reached the recommendation

EIA 774: The council will be proactive in engaging with under represented groups in preparing the local development plan. This will include seeking views on the draft Participation Statement itself to better understand how to engage with these groups.