

AssessmentNo	590	Owner	alan.williamson	ITEM 7 APPENDIX 2
Resource	Transformation		Service/Establishment	Regulatory
	First Name	Surname	Job title	
Head Officer	Pamela	Clifford	Planning and Building Standards Manager	
	(include job titles/organisation)			
Members	James McColl, Team Leader (Development Management)			
	<i>(Please note: the word 'policy' is used as shorthand for strategy policy function or financial decision)</i>			
Policy Title	Planning Enforcement Charter 2022			
	The aim, objective, purpose and intended out come of policy			
	All planning authorities require to have an Enforcement Charter which details how the Planning Authority will deal with enforcement complaints and to provide details of their enforcement powers. The Scottish Government expect the Enforcement Charter to be reviewed every two years to ensure that it reflects the up to date view of the Council of how it deals with enforcement and also to reflect any changes in enforcement legislation. The layout of the Enforcement Charter has been updated, however, the general focus and content of enforcement procedures and guidance remain relevant and have not been changed by any new legislation in the interim.			
	Service/Partners/Stakeholders/service users involved in the development and/or implementation of policy.			
	The Planning Enforcement Charter sets out how Scottish Government policy will be implemented at the local authority level by the planning service.			
Does the proposals involve the procurement of any goods or services?			No	
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)			No	
Relevance to Social Economic Impacts (SE)			No	
Who will be affected by this policy?				
Potentially everybody in West Dunbartonshire, but in particular developers and those affected by development.				
Who will be/has been involved in the consultation process?				
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				
Cross Cutting	The Council has made a commitment	Equalities impacts have been assessed	The original Scottish Government EIA	

	to actively widened and deepen engagement with BSL users The Council has an equality outcome on involving under represented groups Some people are members of more than one disadvantaged group in planning, implementing and monitoring policy we need to take account of this	by the Scottish Government in the introduction of new enforcement regulations http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/10/31093316/11 > http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/10/31093316/11 Relevant issues may be raised and disseminated by the Scottish Enforcement Forum.	noted benefits for disabled people and Gypsy travellers
Disability	The Council has a legal duty to make services accessible to disabled people	The Charter refers to the serving of notices, completion of forms and display of written information. There may therefore be an issue regarding accessibility to the information for people who are visually impaired.	Communicating Effectively guidance is followed, this should support access to our services
Social & Economic Impact			
Sex			
Gender Reassign			
Health			
Human Rights	All UK legislation and regulation must be compatible with the Human Rights Act The specific Articles of the ECHR relevant to planning include Article 6 (Right to a fair and public trial within a reasonable time), Article 8 (Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence), Article 14 (Prohibition of discrimination) and	Human rights and equalities considerations often cross cut	An active awareness of Human Right obligations will help protect rights

	Article 1 of Protocol 1 (Right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions and protection of property).		
Marriage & Civil Partnership			
Pregnancy & Maternity			
Race	Some ethnic groups may be more likely not to have English as a first language; Council services must follow Corporate Communications Guidance The Council has an obligation to foster good relations between communities, and wishes to sustain and grow positive relations with Communities such as Gypsy/travellers	The Charter refers to the serving of notices, completion of forms and display of written information. There may therefore be an issue regarding accessibility to the information for people who do not speak English as a first language.	Communicating Effectively guidance is followed, this should support access to our services
Religion and Belief			
Sexual Orientation			
Actions			
Policy has a negative impact on an equality group, but is still to be implemented, please provide justification for this.			
None			
Will the impact of the policy be monitored and reported on an ongoing bases?			
Q7 What is your recommendation for this policy?			
Introduce			
Please provide a meaningful summary of how you have reached the recommendation			
The proposal has been screened and is relevant in terms of equality and human rights. Effective communications is highlighted as an area, that is especially important, therefore following the Council's Communicating Effectively guidance will help ensure clear communications with disabled people and those for whom English is not a first language.			