

**PPF6 Peer Review Template - 2018**

*Please comment on your partners PPF report. The aim of this exercise is to create a snapshot of good practice across Scotland and collect information to allow us to update future PPF guidance.*

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**Learning Points**

<p>What are the positives to be shared?</p> <p>Generally a good and interesting read. Well presented, showcasing lots of interesting projects and initiatives which is impressive for a small authority. Putting in the service structure at the beginning is helpful and the use of testimonies from stakeholders is good.</p>
<p>Suggestions for strengthening the next PPF?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perhaps a little long (65 pages compared to our 38)</li> <li>• The narrative appears to be a series of case studies which are presented without much overall context. The case studies aren't in the format recommended by the guidance, and maybe some of them could have been a little more concise (or omitted – see below)</li> <li>• The Design and Place Panel looks interesting, but I would have been keen to see a case study demonstrating the difference that the panel had made to a project.</li> <li>• The Dumbarton TC Conservation Area Designation doesn't actually seem to have actually kicked off yet. Maybe an example of a project that should have been held back to subsequent years. Similar comment for Rediscovering the Antonine Wall (which we are also involved in).</li> <li>• Their participation numbers in the MIR consultation seem modest, particularly as these took place in conjunction with community planning. I would have looked for a bit more evidence of innovation in their consultation and attempts to reach wider audiences e.g. through social media.</li> <li>• The inclusion of the Dumbarton Football Stadium project as a case study seemed a bit odd, as the outcome of the pre-application process was an application that was fundamentally at odds with policy. Not sure what this was meant to demonstrate!</li> </ul>

Please identify a case study from the PPF report which illustrates best practice of potential interest to other planning services.

Design and Place Panel

Is the PPF clear?

Perhaps a little long. Case studies could maybe be more concise and recommended format used for consistency.

Is the PPF shared with stakeholders (please state who and methods used):

Not sure from text.

**Issues for 2018 (PPF7)**

Comments on the 2017 programme for preparing the PPF

Issues relating to submission dates coinciding with short staff cover. This caused us some problems this year with publication of the final print with graphics due to other work priorities with LDP2 timescales.

Which performance marker do you found **most** useful and why? Are there any changes you would make to this performance marker.

Decision making timescales

Which performance marker do you found **least** useful and why? Are there any changes you would make to this performance marker.

Enforcement charter. Although subject to review the document does not require significant change to update. Main change is making sure contact details are correct and any links still work.

Any other comments

Workforce information – issue with definitions around ‘specialists’ and ‘others’. Not sure where to put various members of our Environment team. Suspect that different authorities will interpret this in widely different ways. It may help if categories could be clarified.

