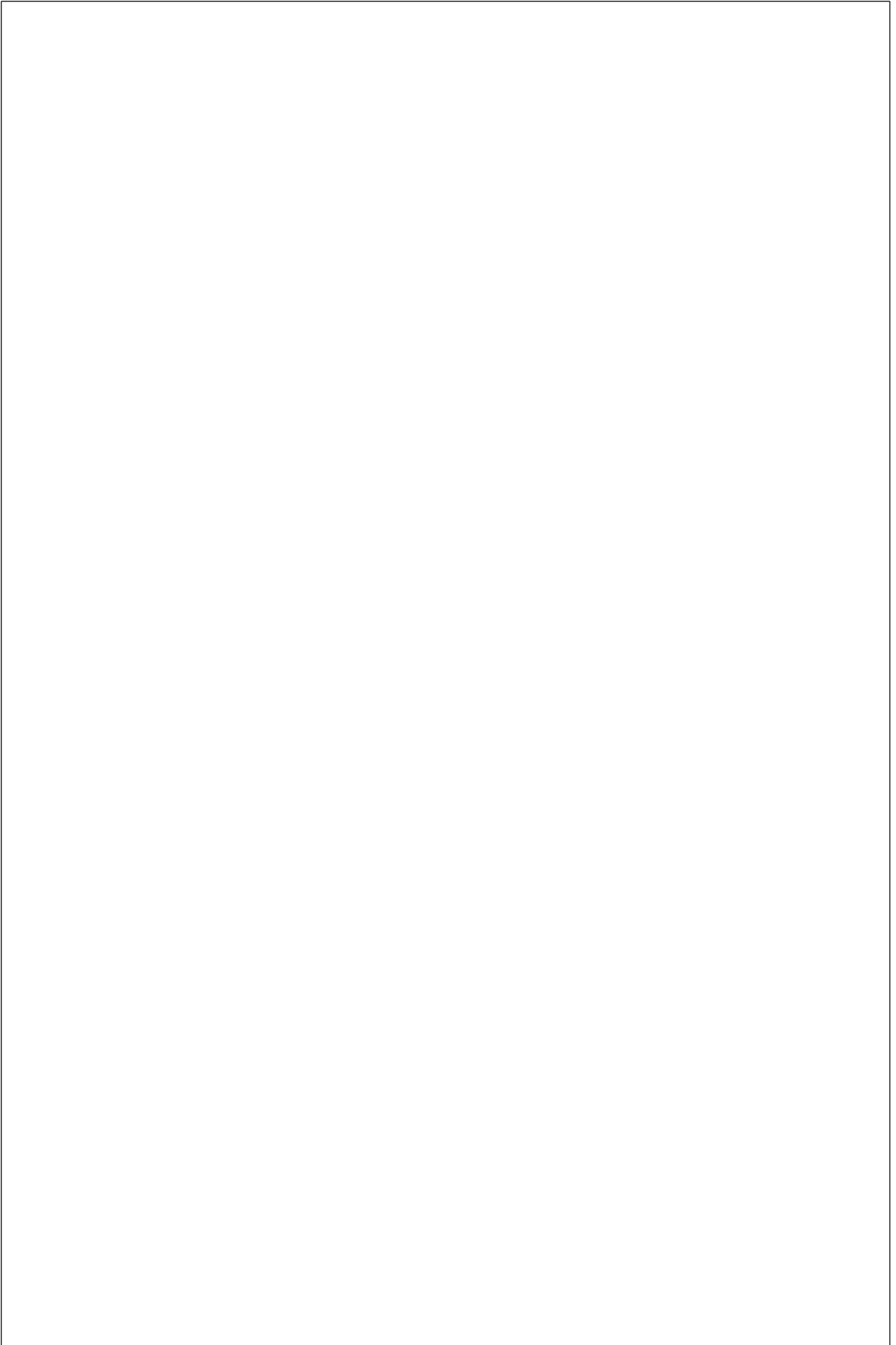


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Members	Gillian Scholes - Business Support Coordinator Brian McColgan - Business Support Officer Ric Rea - Performance and Strategy Officer/Engagement Team		
	<i>(Please note: the word 'policy' is used as shorthand for strategy policy function or financial decision)</i>		
Policy Title	Consultation on Possible Introduction of Visitor Levy		
	The aim, objective, purpose and intended out come of policy		
	To consult on the introduction of a Visitor Levy in West Dunbartonshire. The Visitor Levy Act gives Local Authorities in Scotland the power to implement a visitor levy on overnight accommodation in their area. The Council could utilise these powers, which would be the payment of a levy on overnight stays in certain types of accommodation. The revenue generated by the Levy could be used to support investment in the area and support, sustain, and develop the visitor economy. A consultation will be carried out to inform the development and delivery of the Levy. This EIA relates only to the Visitor Levy Consultation exercise. An EIA on the substance of the Visitor Levy will be carried out when/if the Visitor Levy is to be introduced.		
	Service/Partners/Stakeholders/service users involved in the development and/or implementation of policy.		
	Economic Development Citizen, Culture & Facilities - Equalities		
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)			No
Relevance to Health Impacts (H)			No
Relevance to Social Economic Impacts (SE)			Yes
Who will be affected by this policy?			
The Visitor Levy Consultation will mostly affect businesses and individuals who offer paid for accommodation to visitors to West Dunbartonshire. It will also affect those who visit and stay overnight in West Dunbartonshire.			
Who will be/has been involved in the consultation process?			

Paid for accommodation providers in West Dunbartonshire.
Other businesses in West Dunbartonshire.
Groups representing businesses in the area, e.g. Chamber of Commerce.
Other groups and organisations with an interest in the visitor economy in West Dunbartonshire.
Relevant Community Groups in West Dunbartonshire.
Potential visitors to West Dunbartonshire.
The wider population of West Dunbartonshire.
West Dunbartonshire Equality Forum.

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.

Specific group to consider	Needs	Evidence	Impact
Age	This group may have different needs in terms of the format of any consultation.	The format of the Consultation will be informed by the Councils Communicating Effectively guidance. This will include accessible formats.	Maximisation of responses to Consultation from this group. No negative impacts.
Disability	This group may have different needs in terms of the format of any consultation. We need to meet the communication needs of BSL users.	The format of the Consultation will be informed by the Councils Communicating Effectively guidance. This will include accessible formats.	Maximisation of responses to Consultation from this group. No negative impacts.
Gender Reassign			
Marriage & Civil Partnership			
Pregnancy & Maternity			
Race	Some people from some ethnic groups may have different needs in terms of the format of any consultation.	The format of the Consultation will be informed by the Councils Communicating Effectively guidance. This will include translations and interpreting to relevant languages if required.	Maximisation of responses to Consultation from this group. No negative impacts.
Religion and Belief			
Sex			
Sexual Orientation			
Human Rights			
Health			
Social & Economic Impact	We need to consider the Fairer Scotland Duty as this is a clear strategic area	Consultation will explore potential impacts in this area	Consultation will help inform proposals
Cross Cutting	We need to consider how elements might cross cut to ensure we have rounded view of potential impacts	Consultation will explore potential impacts and help inform impact assessment of future proposals. Consultation design will take account of Scottish Government EQIA on Visitors Levies.	This consultation will help inform proposals



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?

The results of the Consultation will be reported on to the appropriate Council Committee and analysed to inform any Visitor Levy adopted in West Dunbartonshire.

Q7 What is your recommendation for this policy?

Introduce

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

EIA 1090: The consultation will be designed to reach all relevant stakeholders and maximise responses, including from equality groups. The design will follow the Council's Communicate Effectively guidelines and the Council's Engaging Communities Strategy.