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	<i>(Please note: the word 'policy' is used as shorthand for strategy policy function or financial decision)</i>			
<b>Policy Title</b>	Connecting Dumbarton - Update Aug 2021			
	<b>The aim, objective, purpose and intended out come of policy</b>			
	To improve active travel connections within Dumbarton particularly in and around Dumbarton Central Station and along the route of the national cycle network. The first phase of improvements focuses on College Street. The aim is to create a more inclusive, accessible and inviting environment for pedestrians (including those with prams and buggies), cyclists and wheelchair/scooter users to get between the town centre and its train station and connect to the wider area.			
	<b>Service/Partners/Stakeholders/service users involved in the development and/or implementation of policy.</b>			
	WDC, Sustrans, Scotrail/Abellio, Dumbarton Stations Improvement Trust			
<b>Does the proposals involve the procurement of any goods or services?</b>			<b>Yes</b>	
<b>If yes please confirm that you have contacted our procurement services to discuss your requirements.</b>			<b>Yes</b>	
<b>SCREENING</b>				
<i>You must indicate if there is any relevance to the four areas</i>				
<b>Duty to eliminate discrimination (E), advance equal opportunities (A) or foster good relations (F)</b>			<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Relevance to Human Rights (HR)</b>			<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Relevance to Health Impacts (H)</b>			<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Relevance to Social Economic Impacts (SE)</b>			<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Who will be affected by this policy?</b>				
People from West Dunbartonshire and people visiting Dumbarton especially those using Dumbarton Central Railway Station, the NCN and the places around them. The improvements will not just enhance a route but create a place which marks the arrival point into a regenerated Dumbarton.				
<b>Who will be/has been involved in the consultation process?</b>				
Details of who has been involved in the consultation process to date and will be involved during further stages of the project is outlined more fully in the project Engagement and Communications Plan and corresponding Stakeholder Map. It has and will include various WDC sections, elected members, the local community, users of the route and train station, local businesses, school children, cycling groups, community groups and organisations, West Dunbartonshire Equality Forum, WD Access for All, Sustrans, Network Rail, Scotrail/Abellio, Dumbarton Stations Improvement Trust and other stakeholders. This EIA builds on the previous one carried out in relation to the project in 2020. There has been extensive consultations around the project over the last year. Due to the restrictions associated with Covid 19 there has been an increased need to				

carry out a lot of the consultation online. To assist with this a dedicated interactive project website was created - [www.connectingDumbarton.com](http://www.connectingDumbarton.com) This has been a very useful tool to engage with groups and individuals when traditional forms of offline engagement were not possible. For groups and individuals who did not have online access, phone conversations made up for the absence of face to face or site meetings. An access consultant is engaged as part of the design team. They have a particular focus on equalities and has been a key contact with equalities groups and the WDC Access Forum to ensure the needs of all are considered as part of the project.

**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.**

	<b>Needs</b>	<b>Evidence</b>	<b>Impact</b>
<b>Age</b>	Access routes and public spaces need to be safe and accessible for all people. There are concerns about some older people feeling unsafe at night especially using the underpass under the A814 and children using it as a route to school.	Intergenerational contact and interculture contact can be of great benefit to both older and younger people. Particular effort has been made to engage with all ages as part of the consultation on the project - groups and organisations that represent the elderly and schools and activity groups that capture the young.	People, especially the elderly and young children, will be more comfortable using the space due to increased safety from better lighting and definition to the area through signage and artwork. They will be better able to access the train station and onward path connections due to improved surfacing and clarity of the route.
<b>Cross Cutting</b>	All the above areas cross cut to some extent therefore we have considered them as a whole.	Taken as a whole the project would produce a better space for all users in terms of accessibility and safety. This is something which has been recognised from the consultation.	As well as economic and environmental benefits (increase cycle use etc) there are a range of potential positive outcomes in terms of equality groups and community relations.
<b>Disability</b>	Public spaces need to be safe and accessible for all people.	West Dunbartonshire Access Panel have been consulted and some design changes made as a result to ensure the designs met the needs of people with disabilities.	A more accessible public space and better defined route will be created which will be more wheel chair friendly and more suitable to people with other physical impairments.
<b>Social &amp; Economic Impact</b>	The community have a central role to play in shaping the project and their town. The centre	It will aid the regeneration of the town centre by creating a vibrant activity hub.	The project will boost community pride and ownership and create a more attractive arrival

	will be run by the community and for the community.	<p>Consideration will be given to how it could help lower socio economic gaps.</p> <p>It will make Clydebank town centre a more attractive place to spend time in.</p> <p>During the consultations people indicated that there is a need for more non-commercial activity in the town.</p>	<p>point into the town centre. It will help boost the local economy in an area of high deprivation and provide better infrastructure for future sustainable growth. The project opens up access to the town centre and its waterfront from West Highland railway line which may encouraged people to visit, spend time and money in the town.</p>
<b>Sex</b>	Women tend to be more involved in care for children and ill or disabled people.	<p>Making areas wheelchair/ scooter, pram and buggy accessible and enhancing safety is a particular requirement for many women. These factors have been considered in the design.</p>	<p>More accessible and safer spaces and better connections to places may particularly benefit women who provide the majority of care for children. Future phases of the Connecting Dumbarton project will look at wider connections to schools and encourage more active travel to them.</p>
<b>Gender Reassign</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Health</b>	Everyone should have as much opportunity as possible to access inclusive public spaces and easily get to the places they want to go without feeling unsafe and vulnerable. Plus the positive impact on people's health from becoming more active is a central theme of the project.	<p>More Accessible public spaces and better opportunities for active travel can contribute towards better physical and mental health and reduce social exclusion. As part of the consultation to date information has been collected on the barriers people experience to active travel.</p>	<p>The project will have positive health benefits in terms of increased and safer physical activity e.g. walking, cycling and making it easier for people to get around Dumbarton. Being involved in the design of the project will also give people greater ownership of the space and encourage them to use it, boosting their health and wellbeing. Built into</p>

			the project is the desire to encourage more active travel. A Behaviour Change Plan has been prepared to look at this aspect on more detail.
<b>Human Rights</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Marriage &amp; Civil Partnership</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Pregnancy &amp; Maternity</b>	Public spaces need to be safe and accessible for all people including the pregnant and people with young children.	Parents with prams and toddlers have different requirements than others and making the space accessible and suitable for them will be an important factor to consider. Mother and toddlers groups have been consulted and asked for their views on the designs - safety and accessibility are matters which need to be considered.	A safer and more pleasant environment will be created which the pregnant and people with young children can access, use and enjoy.
<b>Race</b>	Public spaces need to be safe and accessible for all people.	Inclusive spaces where people spend some time provide an opportunity for social interaction between different groups. Evidence suggests that peoples attitudes to people from different groups are more accepting if there is contact.	The is an opportunity to provide a shared public space that allows people from different communities to come into contact as they traverse through the space on way to the station or the town centre or other uses nearby such as the library or Municipal Buildings.
<b>Religion and Belief</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Actions</b>			
<b>Policy has a negative impact on an equality group, but is still to be implemented, please provide justification for this.</b>			
Evidence does not point to any negative effect for any protected group, or in terms of Human			

Rights, Health, or Socio Economic impact.
<b>Will the impact of the policy be monitored and reported on an ongoing bases?</b>
Yes, the impact will be monitored during the design and delivery stages and on completion of works when the new public space is in use and better connections are provided. Given that WDC has a equality outcome on increasing the involvement of under represented groups it is intended that West Dunbartonshire Equality Forum continue to be given the opportunity to make comment on this project. Ensuring that members of WDEF are consulted will help ensure that people from a range of protected groups have their views and experience taken into account in the development and delivery of the Connecting Dumbarton project.
<b>Q7 What is you recommendation for this policy?</b>
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<b>Please provide a meaningful summary of how you have reached the recommendation</b>
The updated equality impact assessment carried out has identified a range of positive impacts for equality groups. There are also likely to be postive impacts in terms of Health and Socio-Economic Impact. It is hoped that as a result of the project more people will be encouraged to make active travel choices. A series of interventions which can assist with this will be considered as part of the project's Behaviour Change Plan. An important element of this will be targeting equality groups.

