

Argyll and Bute Council: Equality and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment

Section 1: About the proposal

Title of Proposal
Procurement Strategy and Sustainable Procurement Policy 2020/2021

Intended outcome of proposal
<p>The Council has a statutory requirement to update and publish both its Procurement Strategy and its Sustainable Procurement Policy on an annual basis following the key changes introduced by the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 and the Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016. The Council also has a requirement to consult with key stakeholder groups for both of these documents. This gives the Council the opportunity to raise awareness, attain buy-in, inform the contents of the documents and further develop engagement with key stakeholder groups.</p>

Description of proposal
<p>The Argyll and Bute Council Procurement Strategy 2020/21 will set out a framework which is designed to enable the Council to continue on its journey of change and innovation through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Building capacity and skills within the Council to continue to improve procurement activity;· Increasing the level of collaboration both internally, between service areas, and externally with other partner organisations;· Engaging proactively with key suppliers through contract and supplier relationship management to ensure that we extract maximum value and innovation from our supply base;· Focusing our procurement activity on delivering improvements for the people and communities in Argyll and Bute;· Working cooperatively in everything we do to support SMEs and the third sector;· Ensuring procurement activity contributes towards the Council's general Equality Duty towards all stakeholders in Argyll and Bute and beyond.

Business Outcome(s) / Corporate Outcome(s) to which the proposal contributes
BO110 We support businesses, employment and development opportunities

Lead officer details:	
Name of lead officer	Anne MacColl-Smith
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Appropriate officer details:	
Name of appropriate officer	David Logan
Job title	Head of Legal & Regulatory Support
Department	Legal & Regulatory Support

Sign off of EqSEIA	
Date of sign off	04.10.2019

Who will deliver the proposal?
Anne MacColl-Smith

Section 2: Evidence used in the course of carrying out EqSEIA

Consultation / engagement
To date public consultation has taken place, the strategy and consultation questions were placed on the council's website, social media pages. The results of the consultation are contained in the stakeholder consultation report 2019 see appendix a.

Data
N/A

Other information
N/A

Gaps in evidence
N/A

Section 3: Impact of proposal

Impact on service users:

	Negative	No impact	Positive	Don't know
Protected characteristics:				
Age		*		
Disability		*		
Ethnicity		*		
Gender		*		
Gender reassignment		*		
Marriage and Civil Partnership		*		
Pregnancy and Maternity		*		
Religion		*		
Sexual Orientation		*		
Fairer Scotland Duty:				
Mainland rural population		*		
Island populations		*		
Low income		*		
Low wealth		*		
Material deprivation		*		

	Negative	No impact	Positive	Don't know
Area deprivation		*		
Socio-economic background		*		
Communities of place?		*		
Communities of interest?		*		

Impact on service deliverers (including employees, volunteers etc):

	Negative	No impact	Positive	Don't know
Protected characteristics:				
Age		*		
Disability		*		
Ethnicity		*		
Gender		*		
Gender reassignment		*		
Marriage and Civil Partnership		*		
Pregnancy and Maternity		*		
Religion		*		
Sexual Orientation		*		
Fairer Scotland Duty:				
Mainland rural population		*		
Island populations		*		
Low income		*		
Low wealth		*		
Material deprivation		*		
Area deprivation		*		
Socio-economic background		*		
Communities of place?		*		
Communities of interest?		*		

If any 'don't know's have been identified, at what point will impacts on these groups become identifiable?

N/A

How has 'due regard' been given to any negative impacts that have been identified?

N/A

Section 4: Interdependencies

Is this proposal likely to have any knock-on effects for any other activities carried out by or on behalf of the council?

No

Details of knock-on effects identified

Section 5: Monitoring and review

How will you monitor and evaluate the equality impacts of your proposal?

By continuous performance monitoring thus ensuring best value and practice is maintained via our annual procurement report that is published on our council website.