

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

Crown Estate Scotland Funding - Buchan

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1. Overview

This document has been generated from information entered into the Integrated Impact Assessment system.

Impact of Crown Estate Scotland Funding within Buchan Area

During screening 10 of 10 questions indicated that detailed assessments were required, the screening questions and their answers are listed in the next section. This led to 5 out of 5 detailed impact assessments being completed. The assessments required are:

- Childrens' Rights and Wellbeing
- Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty
- Health Inequalities
- Sustainability and Climate Change
- Town Centres First

In total there are 27 positive impacts as part of this activity. There are 0 negative impacts, all impacts have been mitigated.

A detailed action plan with 1 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by amanda.roe@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

The remainder of this document sets out the details of all completed impact assessments.

2. Screening

Could your activity / proposal / policy cause an impact in one (or more) of the identified town centres?	Yes
Would this activity / proposal / policy have consequences for the health and wellbeing of the population in the affected communities?	Yes
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect greenhouse gas emissions (CO2e) in the Council or community and / or the procurement, use or disposal of physical resources?	Yes
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect the resilience to extreme weather events and/or a changing climate of Aberdeenshire Council or community?	Yes
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect the environment, wildlife or biodiversity?	Yes
Does the activity / proposal / policy have an impact on people and / or groups with protected characteristics?	Yes
Is this activity / proposal / policy of strategic importance for the council?	Yes
Does this activity / proposal / policy reduce inequality of outcome?	Yes
Does this activity / proposal / policy have an impact on children / young people's rights?	Yes
Does this activity / proposal / policy have an impact on children / young people's wellbeing?	Yes

3. Impact Assessments

Children's Rights and Wellbeing	No Negative Impacts Identified
Climate Change and Sustainability	No Negative Impacts Identified
Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty	No Negative Impacts Identified
Health Inequalities	No Negative Impacts Identified
Town Centre's First	No Negative Impacts Identified

4. Childrens' Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment

4.1. Wellbeing Indicators

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Safe		Yes		
Healthy	Yes			
Achieving		Yes		
Nurtured		Yes		
Active	Yes			
Respected		Yes		
Responsible		Yes		
Included	Yes			

4.2. Rights Indicators

UNCRC Indicators upheld by this activity / proposal / policy	Article 12 - Respect for the views of the child Article 31 - Leisure, play and culture
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4.3. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Active	Communities, partners and services can seek funding to develop projects that encourage active travel or create or enhance community, leisure and recreational facilities which may increase physical activeness
Healthy	Exercise and physical activity: Communities, partners and services can seek funding to develop projects that encourage active travel or create or enhance community, leisure and recreational facilities
Included	Many projects that secured funding previously focused on young people and arose from feedback from young people.

4.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
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Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Other Evidence	Reducing poverty/Child Poverty Action Plan	Evidence highlights that children living in deprived areas have poorer outcomes and wellbeing levels in comparison to their non-deprived peers. The data shows that not all families living in poverty live in deprived areas. A number of children and young people experiencing poverty, with a level of unmet need will be living in coastal communities.	Using funding to deliver positive outcomes in coastal communities will help support wellbeing and improved socio-economic outcomes

4.5. Accounting for the Views of Children and Young People

Young people form part of our 'Local Voices' lived experience forum and contribute to discussion about service improvement. Young people also participated in the community impact assessment.

4.6. Promoting the Wellbeing of Children and Young People

It is recognised that a rights based approach embedded into the commissioning strategy will ensure any services commissioned support the wellbeing of young people and the wider community.

4.7. Upholding Children and Young People's Rights

By embedding a rights based approach into our commissioning strategy we provide support and promotion of inclusion and the importance of participation.

4.8. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

The children and young peoples' rights and wellbeing implications are likely to close the inequalities gap and support improved quality of life.

5. Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty Impact Assessment

5.1. Protected Groups

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Age (Younger)	Yes			
Age (Older)	Yes			
Disability	Yes			
Race		Yes		
Religion or Belief		Yes		
Sex		Yes		
Pregnancy and Maternity		Yes		
Sexual Orientation		Yes		
Gender Reassignment		Yes		
Marriage or Civil Partnership		Yes		

5.2. Socio-economic Groups

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Low income	Yes			
Low wealth		Yes		
Material deprivation		Yes		
Area deprivation	Yes			
Socioeconomic background	Yes			

5.3. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Age (Older)	Communities, partners and services can seek funding to develop projects that encourage active travel or create or enhance community, leisure and recreational facilities
Age (Younger)	Communities, partners and services can seek funding to develop projects that encourage active travel or create or enhance community, leisure and recreational facilities.
Disability	Communities, partners and services can seek funding to develop projects that encourage active travel or create or enhance community, leisure and recreational facilities
Area deprivation	The funding uses a range of set criteria and information supplied to identify opportunities for advancing equality of opportunity. Some coastal areas of Buchan (particularly Peterhead Harbour intermediate zone) experience less favourable outcomes relative to the rest of Buchan, Aberdeenshire and Scotland. These areas are included in a Locality Plan and are eligible for this fund under the geographical criteria.

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Low income	The funding uses a range of set criteria and information supplied to identify opportunities for advancing equality of opportunity. Some coastal areas of Buchan (particularly Peterhead Harbour intermediate zone) experience less favourable outcomes relative to the rest of Buchan, Aberdeenshire and Scotland. These areas are included in a Locality Plan and are eligible for this fund under the geographical criteria.
Socioeconomic background	The funding may increase/enhance social and recreational facilities in coastal communities (including deprived areas), many of which would be free to use. There may be increased employment and local spend.

5.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Consultation	Community Impact Assessment	It identifies the impact of Covid and gives information on what is important to communities as they recover and where improvements could be focused	It highlights where investment such as Crown Estate Funding can be invested.
Internal Consultation	Area Committee	When developing the framework for dispersing the Crown Estate Funding , consultation was undertaken with Area Committees. No specific equalities issues were identified through this input.	Focusing the funding on the priorities is not anticipated to have a negative effect on any of the protected characteristics.
External Consultation	Online workshops	When developing the framework for the Crown Estates Funding, a stakeholder survey and online workshops were undertaken. From an equalities perspective, both age (younger and older) and disability were highlighted in the input.	There is potential to advance equality of opportunity through the funding for protected characteristics related to age and disability. Specifically, this would be to ensure that the funding can be used to support projects which benefit different age groups and improve the safety and accessibility of coastal facilities including active travel routes.

5.5. Engagement with affected groups

Community Impact Assessment, Online stakeholder engagement, Lived Experience Forum

5.6. Ensuring engagement with protected groups

Through partnership work with those who support marginalised groups and through community champions supporting these communities.

5.7. Evidence of engagement

When developing the Crown Estates Funding framework priorities accessibility has been reflected in the priorities, particularly around active travel and enhancing community, leisure and recreational facilities

5.8. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

The proposal is anticipated to have a neutral impact for most protected characteristics and a positive one for disability and age-related protected characteristics.

5.9. Improving Relations

Empowerment of coastal communities to develop/deliver projects that meet the priorities within the commissioning strategy and supported by the funding.

5.10. Opportunities of Equality

The Crown Estate funding provides an opportunity to provide direct resourcing to projects which support people with protected characteristics.

6. Health Inequalities Impact Assessment

6.1. Health Behaviours

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Healthy eating		Yes		
Exercise and physical activity	Yes			
Substance use – tobacco		Yes		
Substance use – alcohol		Yes		
Substance use – drugs		Yes		
Mental health	Yes			

6.2. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Exercise and physical activity	Communities, partners and services can seek funding to develop projects that encourage active travel or create or enhance community, leisure and recreational facilities
Mental health	Communities, partners and services can seek funding to develop projects that encourage active travel or create or enhance community, leisure and recreational facilities which in turn can promote positive mental wellbeing.

6.3. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Consultation	Community Impact Assessment	Over one third of respondents noted that the COVID-19 pandemic had impacted their mental wellbeing. Around one third (35%) of all respondents indicated that their physical wellbeing had been impacted in a negative way although 12% stated that it had a positive impact.	Focusing the funding on priorities that include creating or enhancing community, leisure and recreational facilities could have a positive impact on reducing health inequality.

6.4. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

The funding can support projects that improve physical and mental wellbeing

7. Sustainability and Climate Change Impact Assessment

7.1. Emissions and Resources

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Consumption of energy	Yes			
Energy efficiency	Yes			
Energy source	Yes			
Low carbon transition	Yes			
Consumption of physical resources	Yes			
Waste and circularity		Yes		
Circular economy transition		Yes		
Economic and social transition	Yes			

7.2. Biodiversity and Resilience

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Quality of environment	Yes			
Quantity of environment		Yes		
Wildlife and biodiversity	Yes			
Infrastructure resilience		Yes		
Council resilience		Yes		
Community resilience	Yes			
Adaptation	Yes			

7.3. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Adaptation	The funding can be used to support communities identify and adapt to alternative sources of energy for physical assets or improve the material of an asset to increase energy efficiency and reduce consumption of energy
Quality of environment	Funding can be sought for projects that safeguard, restore or enhance the coastal environment
Community resilience	The funding is designed to enable communities to develop and deliver projects within their locality. As part of developing projects support is available to community groups to help ensure the projects and the groups are resilient and the outcomes of the project have a wider socio-economic impact.
Wildlife and biodiversity	The funding can support projects developed by communities, partners or services that safeguard, restore or enhance the coastal environment

Impact Area	Impact
Consumption of energy	The funding can be used to support communities identify alternative sources of energy for physical assets or improve the material of an asset to increase energy efficiency and reduce consumption of energy
Energy efficiency	The funding can be used to support communities identify alternative sources of energy for physical assets or improve the material of an asset to increase energy efficiency and reduce consumption of energy
Energy source	The funding can be used to support communities identify alternative sources of energy for physical assets or improve the material of an asset to increase energy efficiency and reduce consumption of energy
Economic and social transition	Communities, partners or services can seek funding in support of delivery of projects that developing the coastal economy/ sustainable tourism and/ or create or enhance community, leisure and recreational facilities
Low carbon transition	The funding can support communities, partners or services transition to low carbon by supporting appropriate projects
Consumption of physical resources	The funding can be used to support communities identify alternative sources of energy for physical assets or improve the material of an asset to increase energy efficiency and reduce consumption of energy

7.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Consultation	Community Impact Assessment	Community cohesion remains strong and desire for social participation and increased community empowerment seems to be increasing	Community groups may see increase in participation and have ideas for projects to strengthen local cohesion.
External Consultation	Community Impact Assessment	When asked about changes in their local area 28% of respondents had noticed environmental improvements such as better air quality and reduction in noise	Individuals are connecting with their local environment and positive changes are noticed
Other Evidence	Previous applications for funding	Previous grant allocations from the Buchan Coastal Communities Funding was oversubscribed	Communities are looking to develop projects that fit with the priorities of the funding.

7.5. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

Funding support for communities, partners and services to take forward environmental, coastal activity will have positive impact on socio and economic outcomes

8. Town Centre's First Impact Assessment

8.1. Local Factors

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Town centre assets	Yes			
Footfall		Yes		
Changes to road layouts		Yes		
Parking		Yes		
Infrastructure changes		Yes		
Aesthetics of the town centre	Yes			
Tourism	Yes			
Public safety		Yes		
Town centre business	Yes			
Cultural heritage and identity	Yes			
Social and cultural aspects	Yes			

8.2. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Aesthetics of the town centre	The funding could be used to develop cultural/heritage projects which may enhance the town centre, within the applicable geographic boundaries. Additional investment in coastal town, creating additional economic and recreational opportunities for locals and visitors
Cultural heritage and identity	The funding could be used to develop cultural/heritage projects which may enhance the town centre, within the applicable geographic boundaries. Additional investment in coastal town, creating additional economic and recreational opportunities for locals and visitors
Social and cultural aspects	The funding could be used to develop cultural/heritage projects which may enhance the town centre, within the applicable geographic boundaries. Additional investment in coastal town, creating additional economic and recreational opportunities for locals and visitors
Town centre assets	The funding could be used to improve town centre assets, within the applicable geographic boundaries. Additional investment in coastal town, creating additional economic and recreational opportunities for locals and visitors
Town centre business	Additional investment in coastal town, creating additional economic and recreational opportunities for locals and visitors
Tourism	Additional investment in coastal town, creating additional economic and recreational opportunities for locals and visitors

8.3. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Consultation	Community engagement	A range of engagement has taken place over a number of years which confirms the coastal links within the town and a desire to see the culture and heritage of a coastal town being reflected within the town centre	The funding could support projects in the town centre that demonstrate a tangible link to the coast and sea.

8.4. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

The funding could be used to develop cultural/heritage projects which may enhance the town centre, within the applicable geographic boundaries. Additional investment in coastal town, creating additional economic and recreational opportunities for locals and visitors

9. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
<p>The Coastal Communities Buchan Commissioning Plan will capture and summarize information on inclusion and participation annually, through an annual report to Buchan Area Committee.</p>	<p>Lead Officer Eleanor Morris</p> <p>Repeating Activity No</p> <p>Planned Start Wednesday April 20, 2022</p> <p>Planned Finish Friday March 31, 2023</p> <p>Expected Outcome Each commission will highlight applicable cross-cutting themes, inclusion and participation, and links to Buchan Community Plan priorities.</p> <p>Resource Implications None - the Annual Report will be completed as part of the work plan.</p>