

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

Aberdeenshire Council Pollinator Action Plan 2022-2027

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1. Overview

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

IIA of Sustainability Committee report seeking approval of the Aberdeenshire Council Pollinator Action Plan 2022-2027

During screening 6 of 10 questions indicated that detailed assessments were required, the screening questions and their answers are listed in the next section. This led to 4 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

In total there are 9 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 paul.macari2@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?	No
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?	No
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?	No
Is this activity / proposal / policy of strategic importance for the council?	Yes
Does this activity / proposal / policy reduce inequality of outcome?	No
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	Not Required

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 24 - Health and health services Article 31 - Leisure, play and culture
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4.3. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Active	High quality, attractive, interesting biodiverse greenspaces provide places for children to to be active and thus promote health
Healthy	High quality, attractive, interesting biodiverse greenspaces provide places for children to to be active and thus promote health

4.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Other Evidence	Extensive external material and studies	Significant evidence on the benefits of high quality, attractive, biodiverse greenspaces on mental and physical health	Significant evidence on the benefits of high quality, attractive, biodiverse greenspaces on mental and physical health

4.5. Accounting for the Views of Children and Young People

No specific survey/involvement but there is a strong awareness of the benefits of high quality, biodiverse public greenspaces on children's health and well-being.

4.6. Promoting the Wellbeing of Children and Young People

Help to provide attractive, biodiverse greenspaces for public use.

4.7. Upholding Children and Young People's Rights

Help to provide attractive, biodiverse greenspaces for public use.

4.8. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

Positive impact of improving public greenspace on health and activity of young people

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)	Accessible and diverse public greenspaces benefit health and wellbeing
Age (Younger)	Provide attractive, natural, biodiverse greenspaces to encourage activity, learning and health in young people
Age (Younger)	Accessible, diverse public greenspaces benefit health and well-being

5.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Other Evidence	External data and studies	Extensive evidence and data on the health benefits of high quality, attractive, biodiverse public greenspaces.	Extensive evidence and data on the health benefits of high quality, attractive, biodiverse public greenspaces.

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Data	NatureScot e.g. https://www.nature.scot/sites/default/files/2019-10/Guidance%20-%20health%20benefits%20from%20green%20exercise.pdf	NatureScot has extensive information and evidence on the clear health benefits of visiting the outdoors. This includes primary research and public survey. Example link of a policy statement provided.	There are clear health and well-being benefits from visiting the outdoors

5.5. Engagement with affected groups

No specific engagement/surveys but general knowledge of the benefits of high quality public greenspaces

5.6. Ensuring engagement with protected groups

No specific engagement/surveys but general knowledge of the benefits of high quality public greenspaces

5.7. Evidence of engagement

No specific engagement/surveys but general knowledge of the benefits of high quality public greenspaces

5.8. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

Positive impacts on health and activity of young people resulting from improvements in public greenspace

5.9. Improving Relations

Not applicable

5.10. Opportunities of Equality

The engagement activities are broad, promotional materials and events are free. All can attend. Habitat enhancement works will take place in public open space and are accessible to all.

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
Mental health	Attractive, natural greenspaces and access to nature are proven to improve mental health. Enhancing for pollinators will improve attractiveness and improve access to nature for communities.

6.3. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
External Data	NatureScot - https://www.nature.scot/guidance-health-benefits-green-exercise	Evidence of the benefits or exercise and access to attractive, nature-rich greenspace	Shows the benefits or exercise and access to attractive, nature-rich greenspace

6.4. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

Action Plan will improve public greenspace and access to nature. No negative health impacts from the plan identified.

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
Quality of environment	Action plan commits to protecting and enhancement pollinator habitat and populations thus improving the quality of the environment
Wildlife and biodiversity	Action plan includes commitments to protect and enhance habitat and pollinator populations
Consumption of energy	Action Plan identifies reduced intensive maintenance of at least 10% of public greenspace this reducing emissions from grass cutting activities for example. Alternative measures such as tree planting will actually sequester carbon.

7.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
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Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Other Evidence	General knowledge/ evidence	Reducing intensive management of greenspace using petrol/diesel powered machinery will reduce emissions. Tree planting and other habitat measures can sequester carbon.	Reducing intensive management of greenspace using petrol/diesel powered machinery will reduce emissions. Tree planting and other habitat measures can sequester carbon.
External Data	Extensive external data on habitat protection and enhancement	Shows how the protection and enhancement of habitat for pollinators can benefit not only pollinator populations but biodiversity generally.	Shows how the protection and enhancement of habitat for pollinators can benefit not only pollinator populations but biodiversity generally.

7.5. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

Action plan outlines a number of measures which reduce emissions and protect and improvement environment as a core focus. No negative impacts as a result.

8. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details
<p>Production, yearly monitoring and reporting of progress with Aberdeenshire Council Pollinator Action Plan 2022-2027. Final review at end of strategy period with reporting to Sustainability Committee.</p>	<p>Lead Officer James Davidson</p> <p>Repeating Activity No</p> <p>Planned Start Friday April 01, 2022</p> <p>Planned Finish Wednesday March 31, 2027</p> <p>Expected Outcome Action plan monitored yearly. Actions delivered and reported on. Pollinators and communities benefit from the work.</p> <p>Resource Implications Some cost implications to proposed work. All activities proposed are within current work plans or are costed as deliverable. No staffing implications.</p>