Island Communities Impact Assessment

Screening exercise

Elected Member Development Policy

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STEP 1 - Develop a clear understanding of your objectives	Responses
What are the objectives of the policy, strategy or service?	To set out the Council's commitment to the principle of elected Member development, helping to clarify the approach that is taken, roles and responsibilities.
Do you need to consult?	Consultation has taken place with relevant internal stakeholders.
How are islands identified for the purpose of the policy, strategy or service?	There is no geographic distinctions in the policy.
What are the intended impacts/outcomes and how do these potentially differ in the islands?	The intended outcome is to have elected Members who feel they possess the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to be able to fulfil their roles. The approach is applied in a consistent way and will include Elected Members with islands in their Wards.
• Is the policy, strategy or service new?	Yes
STEP 2 - Gather your data and identify your stakeholders	Responses
What data is available about the current situation in the islands?	There is no islands dimension to this policy as it applies universally to all elected Members. Training courses are always organised at times that are most convenient for Members to attend, with opportunities to engage remotely.
Do you need to consult?	No
How does any existing data differ between islands?	N/A
 Are there any existing design features or mitigations in place? 	N/A
STEP 3 - consultation	Responses
Who do you need to consult with?	This has been done as part of the development process for the policy.
How will you carry out your consultation and in what timescales?	N/A

What questions will you ask when considering how to address island realities?	N/A
 What information has already been gathered through consultations and what concerns have been raised previously by island communities? 	None
 Is your consultation robust and meaningful and sufficient to comply with the Section 7 duty? 	Yes
STEP 4 - assessment	Responses
 Does your assessment identify any unique impacts on island communities? 	No
 Does your assessment identify any potential barriers or wider impacts? 	No
How will you address these?	N/A
You must now determine whether in your opinion your policy, strategy or service is likely to have an effect on an island community which is significantly different from its effect on other communities (including other island communities).	
If your answer is NO to the above question, a full ICIA will NOT be required and you can proceed to Step Six .	No - it is not felt that the Elected Member Development Policy will have an effect on an island community which is significantly different from its effect on other communities.
STEP 6 - making adjustments to your work	Responses
 Should delivery mechanisms/mitigations vary in different communities? 	No
 Do you need to consult with island communities in respect of mechanisms or mitigations? 	No
Have island circumstances been factored into the evaluation process?	N/A
Have any island-specific indicators/targets been identified that require monitoring?	N/A
How will outcomes be measured on the islands?	Elected Members with islands in their wards will be engaged in the Personal Development process and feedback will be sought from them after each development event. If these identify any islands

 How has the policy, strategy or service affected island communities? How will lessons learned in this ICIA inform future policy making and service delivery? 	issues, like the timing or venue of a training event, these will be addressed. N/A N/A
STEP 7 - publishing your ICIA	Responses
Have you presented your ICIA in an Easy Read format?	N/A as no ICIA carried out beyond this screening exercise.
Does it need to be presented in Gaelic or any other language?	No
Where will you publish your ICIA and will relevant stakeholders be able to easily access it?	Shetland Islands Council website
Who will sign-off your final ICIA and why?	Executive Manager - Executive Services

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