Developing a Regional Marine Plan for the Clyde

# Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA)



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## Stage 1 – Screening

### Step 1: About the Clyde Regional Marine Plan and its overall aims

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| **Policy/measure** | The Clyde Regional Marine Plan (CRMP) will reflect the requirements for regional marine planning under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and associated Delegation of Functions (Regional Marine Plan for the Scottish Marine Region for the Clyde) Direction 2017. The CRMP will be in line with Scotland's National Marine Plan (NMP) (2015) and will contribute towards managing the competing demands for the use of the Clyde Marine Region (CMR), while protecting and enhancing the marine environment. The CRMP will provide a statutory policy framework to support effective decision-making and appropriate inward investment, enabling delivery of the Plan's long-term vision and aims. The policy framework in the CRMP will be used to inform decision-making by public authorities, including in marine licensing and land-use planning (to Mean Low Water Springs). |
| **Project initiation document** | Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and associated Delegation of Functions (Regional Marine Plan for the Scottish Marine Region for the Clyde) Direction 2017.<br><br>Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 – http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2010/5/contents<br><br>Delegation of Functions 2017 – https://www.clydemarineplan.scot/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/CMPP-Direction.pdf |
| **Initiating department** | The Clyde Marine Planning Partnership (CMPP) was established in February 2016. There are over 20 Members covering a wide range of interests, including public authorities, nature conservation, fisheries, aquaculture and recreation. Scottish Ministers delegated the task of developing the Regional Marine Plan to the CMPP and its public authorities in March 2017.<br><br>About the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership – https://www.clydemarineplan.scot/about-us/about-the-clyde-marine-planning-partnership/ |
| **Policy aims** | The key outcomes of the CRMP will be to:<br>• Provide a policy framework that promotes sustainable development in the CMR;<br>• Maintain, and where appropriate, enhance the health of the CMR;<br>• Promote socially inclusive development and use of marine and coastal resources;<br>• Minimise conflicts between the competing demands of different marine users, activities and developers; and<br>• Contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change.<br><br>These key outcomes will also contribute towards protecting and promoting the wellbeing of children and young people by ensuring they have access to healthy marine and coastal ecosystems, socially inclusive development and sustainably managed marine and coastal resources. The CRMP |

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| | supports resilient communities and safeguards the CMR so that its marine and coastal resources can continue to support and benefit its local communities, including children and young people. |
| **Timetable** | Pre-consultation of the draft CRMP took place between 18 March 2019 and 27 May 2019. Formal consultation will take place in the Winter 2026/2027 for 16 weeks. See the Statement of Public Participation (SPP) for further details: http://www.clydemarineplan.scot/marine-planning/clyde-regional-marine-plan/#SPP |

## Step 2: What aspects of the policy/measure will affect children and young people up to the age 18?

Policies in the CRMP aim to achieve the Plan's vision and objectives and are in line with the NMP. The Plan's vision is 'The marine and coastal environment of the Clyde Marine Region is clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse, with fair access for all. It is managed to ensure sustainable multiple use which enables nature to flourish and supports thriving resilient local communities'.

Aims of the CRMP include: encourage the sustainable development of marine industries; incorporate environmental protection and, where possible, enhancement; take account of social considerations in marine decision-making; and have a role in contributing to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change. The aims are detailed in screening step 6 below.

The policy framework in the CRMP includes two sections covering these issues and sectors:

- Section 1: General policies cover the following cross-cutting issues: climate change; historic environment; landscape/seascape; coastal processes, coastal flood and storm damage; natural heritage; non-native species; marine litter; and connecting people to the Clyde Marine Region.
- Section 2: Sector policies cover the following sectors: sea fisheries; aquaculture; sport, recreation and tourism; shipping, ports, harbours and ferries; energy; defence; and marine aggregates. This section also includes Chapter 9: All Sectors which focuses on encouraging sectors to share resources, including infrastructure, space and data, to support safe and sustainable development and mitigate cumulative impacts.

Along with policies relating to public authority decision-making, the Plan also includes recommendations for marine users/local management. These inform the general management of all activities within the Region, including those which are not managed through planning or licensing, such as marine and coastal sport, recreation and tourism.

The policies and recommendations within the Plan are general statements that will not have any differential or discriminatory impacts on children and young people. All aspects of the CRMP, in combination with each other, will help protect and promote the wellbeing of children and young people. See step 3 for more information on the positive affects the CRMP will likely have on children and young people.

### Step 3: What likely impact – direct or indirect – will the policy/measure have on children and young people?

The policies within the CRMP will have no direct or indirect negative impacts on children and young people.

The CRMP will have positive direct and indirect impacts on children and young people. These positive impacts will arise from having a framework that manages the CMR better and, for example, supports and encourages: sustainable development and use; resilient infrastructure, communities and ecosystems; safe and fair access; protection and enhancement of the natural environment, built environment and landscape/seascapes; improved knowledge and awareness of marine and coastal issues; connecting people with the Region; and empowering all marine users to use the Region in a more sustainable way. However, these positive impacts will be experienced by communities around the CMR more widely and are not specific to children and young people. Therefore, the positive impacts on children and young people alone cannot be quantified or isolated.

### Step 4: Are there particular groups of children and young people who are more likely to be affected than others?

There are no particular groups of children and/or young people who are more likely to be affected by the CRMP than others.

### Step 5: Who else have you involved in your deliberations?

The consultation draft of the CRMP will be sent to the following organisations:

- Youth Scotland
- Community and Development Team, South Ayrshire Council
- Education and Youth Employment, North Ayrshire Council
- Youth Services Manager, Argyll & Bute
- Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
- Youth Work, Community Learning & Development, Inverclyde Council
- Youth and Children's Services, Renfrewshire Council
- Youth Council, South Lanarkshire
- Community Learning & Development, West Dunbartonshire

The consultation draft will also be open for comment by anyone, including young people and children.

### Step 6: Will this require a CRWIA?

The aims of the Plan are as follows:

- Contribute to Scotland's transition to a low-carbon economy.
- Support resilient local communities by taking decisions in the CMR to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change.
- Promote the use of coastal and marine assets in the CMR to respond to climate change issues.
- Provide a framework for safe and sustainable development and activities which encourages innovation and attracts future investment in coastal and marine assets in the CMR.

- Provide guidance to marine developers on the early identification of localities of most and least constraint, including consideration of potential environmental factors and sectoral interactions.
- Underpin the regeneration of urban coastal areas and support a sustainable economy in rural coastal areas.
- Maintain and enhance the health of the CMR, including biodiversity and the landscape/seascape, by protecting and improving its natural resources.
- Ensure that the Marine Protected Area network contributes to the protection and enhancement of the CMR's biodiversity, and identify other opportunities for environmental enhancement.
- Ensure that activities and developments contribute to protection and enhancement of the CMR's Priority Marine Features.
- Promote sustainable and socially inclusive development and use of marine and coastal resources, including through improvements in access.
- Support the connection of people to the CMR through cultural heritage, work opportunities, educational initiatives and recreational pursuits.
- Contribute to the wellbeing and cultural diversity of local communities.

The above aims and associated objectives and policies intend to promote sustainable and socially inclusive development and use of marine and coastal resources and encourage the reconnection of people with the sea through cultural heritage, work opportunities, educational initiatives and recreational pursuits. The CRMP also aims to manage the Region so that it supports thriving and resilient local communities. This indicates positive impacts on children and young people. By providing a framework for the sustainable development and use of the Region, the CRMP is safeguarding its marine and coastal resources so that they can continue to support and benefit its local communities and visitors, now and into the future.

The policies within the Plan are general policy statements and any positive impact on children and/or young people is not specific to them. In addition, the impact cannot be isolated and measured.

Each of the policies contained in the CRMP have been reviewed and assessed for their impact on children and young people. Through this process, it has been determined that each policy is non-discriminatory towards children and young people and there is no negative impact on:

- the best interests of children and/or young people;
- the right to life;
- the survival and/or development of children and/or young people; and
- the right to have children's and/or young people's views given due weight.

The policies will also not negatively impact on children's and/or young people's wellbeing, where wellbeing is defined by the following indicators: safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included.

The vision, aims, objectives, policies and recommendations in the CRMP will not have an adverse impact on children and young people. Therefore, the CMPP concludes that a CRWIA is not required.

## CRWIA Declaration

CRWIA not required.

**Authorisation**

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