

# Crown Estate Scotland – Children’s Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment

## Screening Assessment of the **Draft 2020 – 23 Corporate Plan**

### CRWIA Stage 1 Screening - key questions

#### 1. Name the policy and describe its overall aims.

##### Crown Estate Scotland – Draft 2020 – 23 Corporate Plan

Crown Estate Scotland’s draft Corporate Plan sets out our purpose to invest in property, natural resources and people to deliver wider value for Scotland. The draft Plan sets out five Strategic Objectives which detail the activities that Crown Estate Scotland proposes to undertake over 2020-23 to deliver the vision of ‘Communities and businesses thriving through enterprising and sustainable development of property and natural resources.’

The strategic objectives are:

SO1 - Support the sustainable expansion of Scotland’s blue economy, focussing on marine and coastal development.

SO2 - Develop built environment that strengthens communities and benefits businesses

SO3 - Invest in innovation and work with tenants to enable sustainable natural resource use.

SO4 - Build partnerships for people and the planet

SO5 - Develop and deploy our people’s expertise to deliver value and success

Our objectives align with the National Performance Framework and the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals.

In delivering these objectives Crown Estate Scotland will apply our values of collaboration, excellence, integrity and commercialism and act as investor, enabler, asset manager and coordinator.

The draft Corporate Plan reflects the requirements of the Scottish Crown Estate Act 2019 which provides for Scottish Crown Estate assets to be managed in a way which delivers greater value beyond financial return and enables other bodies to take on management responsibilities.

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

*The Articles of the UNCRC and the child wellbeing indicators under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 apply to all children and young people up to the age of 18, including non-citizen and undocumented children and young people.*

The draft Corporate Plan has the potential to impact Children and Young People (CYP) through the strategic objectives and specific actions; through the investment strategy and through specific arrangements for leasing as set out in the draft Plan. These are set out in detail in response to question 3, below.

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

*'Direct' impact refers to policies/measures where children and young people are directly affected by the proposed changes, e.g. in early years, education, child protection or looked after children (children in care). 'Indirect' impact refers to policies/measures that are not directly aimed at children but will have an impact on them. Examples include: welfare reforms, parental leave, housing supply, or local transport schemes.*

There are no policies/measures in the draft Plan that will directly affect CYP. All potential impacts are through objectives and actions that could have an indirect effect on CYP.

The draft Plan's strategic objectives and key actions are designed to be of benefit to Scotland and its communities.

The following represent those objectives and actions most likely to have implications for CYP:

#### **Strategic objectives and specific actions**

##### **SO1 - Support the sustainable expansion of Scotland's blue economy, focussing on marine and coastal development:**

- Support growth in offshore renewables, aquaculture, coastal infrastructure – to deliver tangible socio-economic benefits to communities including good quality employment opportunities.
- creating a net zero emissions economy
- support for locally led regeneration and sustainability
- support over 120 local moorings associations and recognise how critical these and other facilities such as pontoons are for local economies and for social and educational activities

##### ***Impact on CYP:***

- The retention and creation of employment opportunities could provide employment and inclusive growth opportunities for CYP, now and in the future, helping engender positive perceptions for CYPs future. Job creation will also provide employment opportunities for families with the potential for parents of CYP to benefit, with associated family and CYP benefits.
- Reducing carbon emissions and positively impacting on climate change could have a positive impact on CYP creating a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable environment for them to grow up in and inherit. From the targeted consultation carried out with CYP climate change and the environment was identified as a key concern to CYP.
- Opportunities for recreation, enjoyment and physical activity through e.g. pontoon provision, could have a positive impact on CYP and their families' health and wellbeing and education and development opportunities.

##### **SO2 - Develop built environment that strengthens communities and benefits businesses**

- Seek commercial, residential and terrestrial development opportunities, that benefit communities and businesses, including potential regeneration projects in either rural or urban coastal areas.

***Impact on CYP:***

- Potential employment and economic development opportunities supporting CYP and their families.
- Potential for accommodation and affordable accommodation for CYP and their families. Particularly important and relevant in rural locations where housing and affordable housing opportunities can be more limited.

**SO3 - Invest in innovation and work with tenants to enable sustainable natural resource use**

- Collaborate with tenants and sectors in farming, aquaculture and wild salmon fishing to protect and enhance Natural Capital and find new ways of producing food and exploring new market opportunities.
- Increase local involvement in decisions relating to land through evidence-based estate plans, involving tenants and key stakeholders in their development.
- Support new ways to prevent marine litter.

***Impact on CYP:***

- New and expanded employment opportunities with potential to benefit CYP and their families.
- Environmental improvement with potential for CYP to help create, benefit from and inherit improved places and environment.
- There is potential to engage CYP in local decision making giving them a greater stake in how the estate is managed and developed, with the potential for better outcomes for CYP and their families.

**SO4 – Build partnerships for people and the planet**

- Rolling out a programme of support for projects that promote sustainable development and regeneration.
- Formalising our approach to community engagement, working with communities to shape and deliver projects and initiatives.
- Support and encourage local empowerment by implementing our Local Management Pilots Scheme.

***Impact on CYP:***

- Potential for CYP to become involved in projects and to help shape projects that will benefit them and meet their needs.
- Potential for more involvement of CYP in decision making and influence over how the estate is planned and managed, with possible better outcomes for CYP and their families.

**SO5 - Develop and deploy our people's expertise to deliver value and success**

- Enhance our communications in line with best practice guidelines, including digital communications, to help deliver excellent tenant service and wider transparency.

***Impact on CYP:***

- Improved communication generally which CYP and their families and in particular identifying opportunities to engage with CYP through digital channels to increase the likelihood of engagement with CYP.

### **Investment strategy**

Crown Estate Scotland's investment strategy is set out in the draft Corporate Plan. We will invest up to £70m in property, natural resources and people, across the three years of the draft Plan. Investment will be focussed in the blue economy, the built environment, rural infrastructure, natural capital innovation and in local partnership projects. Within this there will be a focus on regeneration projects in coastal areas, use of vacant and derelict land and on ports and harbours as catalysts for inclusive economic growth.

CYP will benefit from the investment strategy through the economic opportunities that will be developed, and the improved quality of life and environment benefits investment will address. CYP have the potential to benefit from funding to local communities and community groups aiming to capacity build and promote sustainable development and positive place making.

### **Leasing agreements**

Leases are only granted to adults, however, CYP can still be impacted on by leasing arrangements if they are part of a family that has a leasing arrangement with Crown Estate Scotland. This is most likely to be through residential leases and to a lesser degree through recreational and business/industry leases and agreements (e.g. agriculture and shell fish farms).

The draft Corporate Plan sets out proposals on developing an excellent tenant service, working with tenants for mutual benefit, helping tenants succeed and identify and realise opportunities. The draft Corporate Plan promotes improved communications with tenants and working with tenants to identify opportunities for sustainable development. All of these actions are likely to have a positive impact on leasing arrangements with improved terms and conditions. CYP in these circumstances would benefit from the proposed changes.

### **4. Which groups of children and young people will be affected?**

*Under the UNCRC, 'children' can refer to: individual children, groups of children, or children in general. Some groups of children will relate to the groups with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010: disability, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. 'Groups' can also refer to children by age band or setting, or those who are eligible for special protection or assistance: e.g. preschool children, children in hospital, children in rural areas, looked after children, young people who offend, victims of abuse or exploitation, child migrants, or children living in poverty.*

Children in general and across age ranges have the potential to be impacted, particularly those who live in rural and coastal areas where the majority of the Scottish Crown Estate is located. The draft Plan has the potential to positively address some of the negative impacts that CYP and their families living in rural and remote areas experience. For example, in relation to access to jobs, improved digital communication, access to housing and affordable housing, and improved opportunities for social engagement, empowerment and recreational opportunities.

### **5. Will this require a CRWIA?**

We do not consider the draft Corporate Plan requires a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment, for the following reasons:

- Crown Estate Scotland's strategic objectives and key actions are designed to be of benefit to Scotland and its communities.
- The draft Plan will have no direct affect on CYP but may affect CYP indirectly, particularly through improved job opportunities, a better environment with reduced emissions, the opportunity to be more empowered and involved in decision making, and opportunities for

better channels of communication with CYP. It is anticipated that any effects are likely to be positive helping to protect and promote the wellbeing of CYP.

- The draft Corporate Plan has the potential to positively address a range of children's rights as outlined by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, including their rights to education, standard of living, expression and engagement, health, development, access to information and access to play and recreation.

The draft Corporate Plan has been subject to consultation, including targeted consultation with children and young people. *Children in Scotland* have carried out an online survey and a series of workshops on behalf of Crown Estate Scotland to engage with CYP on the draft Plan. No significant issues were identified during this process relating to the impact of the draft Corporate Plan on CYP and which would require a CRWIA.

The main point to emerge from *Children in Scotland's* work is the value that CYP place on the environment and their desire for positive and tangible action in relation to protecting it. The approach the draft Corporate Plan outlines on supporting natural capital and sustainable development, and on building a net zero emissions economy, will positively address the interest that CYP have in this area.

#### CRWIA Declaration

**CRWIA required**

**CRWIA not required**



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