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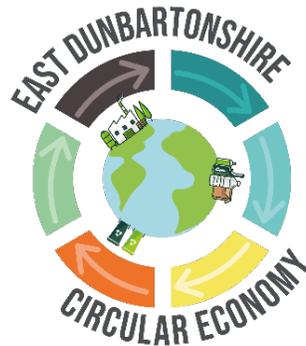
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Circular Economy Strategy



One week left to have your say on the Draft Circular Economy Strategy!

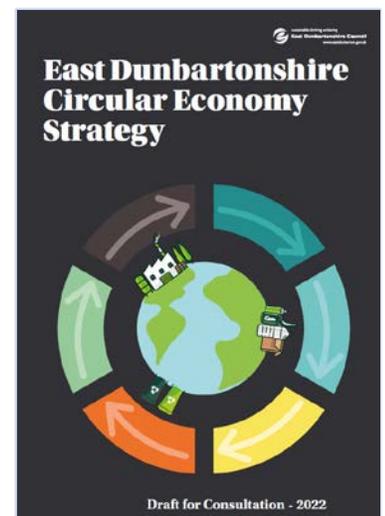
Consultation on the Council's Draft Circular Economy Strategy is closing on **3rd February 2023**. The draft Strategy describes what we aim to do as a Council to reduce waste, as well as support available for businesses and residents.

Waste is a major cause of global climate and environmental crises. A Circular Economy aims to eliminate waste - which is better for the planet, communities and businesses.

In a Circular Economy, a product's lifecycle is part of the design process. Waste is avoided when everything is made and designed to last for multiple uses ... and to be reused/recycled when no longer needed.

The draft strategy and consultation form are available at:

www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/draft-CES



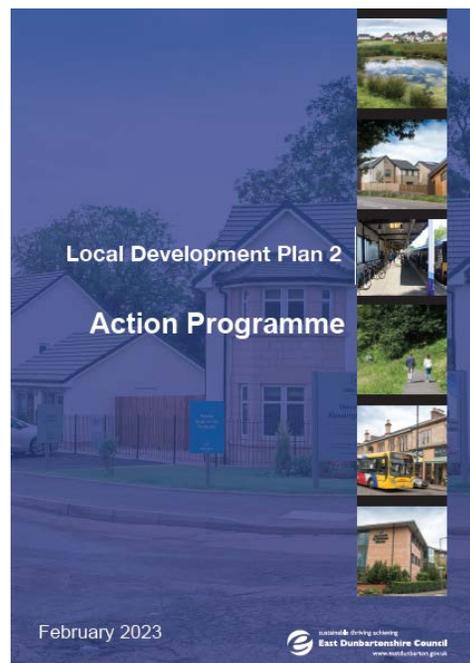
LDP2 Action Programme

On [26 January 2023](#), [East Dunbartonshire Council's Place Neighbourhood and Corporate Assets Committee](#) approved the publication of an Action Programme to support implementation of the recently [adopted Local Development Plan 2](#). Please note that, under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, Action Programmes will now be known as 'Delivery Programmes, although their role and purpose remains largely unchanged. As the LDP2 was prepared under the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006, this will be referred to as an Action Programme.

The Action Programme reflects the structure and policy themes of LDP2, set out a list of actions to deliver policies and proposals, the name of the person who is to carry out each action and the timescale for the conclusion of each action. In preparing the Action Programme, we have consulted with and taken into account the views of key agencies and partners named in the programme.

Not all of the actions are dependent upon the Council. Certain actions may be dependent on external funding, the development industry and phasing of development. Therefore, given the continually changing nature of the programme as well as economic challenges regarding the availability of public and private sector finance, some of the actions, timescales and funding allocations are subject to future changes. Review and renewal of the programme will be ongoing once a plan is adopted, and an updated version published at least every two years.

In line with planning regulations, the Action Programme has been sent to Scottish Minsiters, and reference copies will be placed in all local libraries.



Planning Guidance Update

At its meeting on [26 January 2023, East Dunbartonshire Council's Place, Neighbourhood and Corporate Assets Committee](#) approved the publication of two planning guidance documents:

- Water Environment and Flood Risk
- Green Infrastructure and the Green Network

The purpose of the **Water Environment and Flood Risk** guidance is to provide applicants with relevant information on managing and enhancing the water environment to inform the siting, layout and design of development in East Dunbartonshire. It will bring together existing Council guidance on Flooding & Drainage and River Basin Management. This guidance will support Local Development Plan 2 Policy 18: 'Water Environment and Flood Risk' and will be a material consideration in the assessment of planning applications.

The **Green Infrastructure and Green Network** guidance is an update to existing guidance and sets out measures to ensure that development will protect, enhance and manage the existing green infrastructure and green network as an integral part of placemaking, in terms of both existing assets and new opportunities.

Both documents will be available to view on the [Council website](#) in the coming days.



Active Travel Strategy

Evidence reports and a booklet summarising the evidence and providing information about the approach of the new Active Travel Strategy were approved at the PNCA meeting on the 26th of January. The booklet and evidence reports can be found on the Council website within the [committee documents](#) and they will soon be published online in an easier to read format. Work will now continue on developing a Draft Active Travel Strategy for East Dunbartonshire. The Strategy will present an ambitious vision for improving infrastructure and increasing the rates of active travel in the area in order to reduce emissions, improve physical health and wellbeing, improve air quality and make our streets and places safer and more pleasant.

The Evidence Summary booklet outlines the Strategy's vision, that **active travel is the natural choice for short, everyday journeys for those who are able**. This vision will be achieved through four project themes:



In related active travel news, Sustrans will soon be running two webinars for those involved in community groups and organisations, although anyone with an interest in community health, wellbeing, climate action or active travel is welcome to attend.

- February 22nd, 10:30am-12:30pm: Climate, Community and Active Travel
- March 29th, 10:30am-12:30pm: Cars, Community and Active Travel

Please follow this [link](#) to sign up for the first webinar or follow [@SustransScot](#) on their various social media channels for information on the March date.

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National Planning Framework 4 - Update

On 11 January 2023, the Scottish Parliament voted to approve [National Planning Framework 4 \(NPF4\)](#). This is not quite the end of the process and it should be noted that NPF4 is not yet part of the statutory development plan. The next step is for the commencement of provisions of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 which amend the composition of the development plan, in particular section 13, which will make the National Planning Framework part of the development plan. This is expected to happen on 12 February 2023. Thereafter, the intention is that Scottish Ministers will adopt and publish NPF4 on 13 February 2023 at 9am, meaning that it is in force and National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy are superseded from that date and time.

Until 13 February, NPF4 is not part of the development plan and the weight given to it in decision making is a matter for the decision maker. However, given NPF4 has now been approved by the Scottish Parliament, and its adoption and publication (in its approved form) is the only outstanding action, it would be considered as a significant material consideration during this short period.

Publication of NPF4 on 13 February will also have the effect that all strategic development plans and any supplementary guidance issued in connection with them cease to have effect on that date.

In advance of NPF4 adoption, the Council understands that transitional arrangements for local development plans will be issued, which will also cover implementation of housing policies and some other considerations during the changeover period, including for decision-making. It is anticipated that regulations will come into force in Spring 2023, including related guidance for the new local development planning system.

