

Island Communities Impact Assessment (ICIA) - Screening:

Scottish Enterprise “Our Focus on Economic Transformation”

Preliminary considerations	Responses
Please provide a brief description or summary of the policy, strategy or service under review for the purposes of this assessment.	“ Our focus on economic transformation ” (Jan 2024) sets out Scottish Enterprise (SE) purpose to “enable businesses to innovate and scale to transform the economy”. It describes how SE aims to make a transformational impact on traditionally low levels of Scottish business innovation, internationalisation and investment. To deliver its purpose, SE will focus on specific areas of long-term economic opportunity and challenge through a mission-based approach.
Step One – Develop a clear understanding of your objectives	Responses
What are the objectives of the policy, strategy or service?	This is a high-level strategic ambition statement which sets out how SE is responding to the National Strategy for Economic Transformation and how it is evolving its approach to focus on opportunities that have the potential to transform Scotland’s economy. Delivering across Scotland, the document shows how SE will support an economy that is fairer, wealthier, and greener.
Do you need to consult?	Island authorities have been consulted during the development of this document.
How are islands identified for the purpose of the policy, strategy or service?	As Scotland’s national economic development agency, SE works with partners to support companies across Scotland to innovate and scale, including companies in islands.
What are the intended impacts/outcomes and how do these potentially differ in the islands?	SE’s three long-term strategic priorities are to drive greater levels of innovation, internationalisation and investment in the economy. We have assessed potential transformational opportunities for Scotland based on its competitive strengths and strategic assets. We seek to deliver on these priorities across Scotland in partnership with other agencies. We do not expect that our focus would be different in different areas of Scotland.
Is the policy, strategy or service new?	Yes
Step Two – Gather your data and identify your stakeholders:	Responses

What data is available about the current situation in the islands?	SE reviewed data in the Scottish Government’s Islands Plan and looked at information available via island authorities. Finally, our internal customer service records can show data cut by island authority areas.
Do you need to consult?	To ensure we gathered views of island communities we consulted with various bodies including local authorities.
How does any existing data differ between islands?	n/a
Are there any existing design features or mitigations in place?	No
Step Three – Consultation:	Responses
Who do you need to consult with?	As mentioned above relevant stakeholders have been consulted during the development of this document, including island local authorities.
How will you carry out your consultation and in what timescales?	A draft document was sent to stakeholders with a request to inform SE of any areas where they felt island communities may be adversely affected. SE allowed 2 weeks for responses and collated them on receipt.
What questions will you ask when considering how to address island realities?	SE asked consultees if they felt that the draft document would have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have any particular impacts on the key island industries and, therefore, on the islands’ economies and environments? • have an impact on the islands’ infrastructure or natural environment and biodiversity? • have any impact on the types of small businesses which are a feature of the islands’ economies?
What information has already been gathered through consultations and what concerns have been raised previously by island communities?	n/a
Is your consultation robust and meaningful and sufficient to comply?	Yes, this is a high-level strategic document, and as such the consultation was robust in so far as to identify any areas where islands may be significantly affected compared to other areas where SE operates.
Step Four – Assessment:	Responses
Does your assessment identify any unique impacts on island communities?	No significant impacts on an island communities have been identified.
Does your assessment identify any potential barriers or wider impacts?	n/a
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).	SE does not believe that its focus on economic transformation is likely to have an effect on island communities which is significantly different from its effect on other communities.
Step Seven – Publishing your ICIA:	Responses
Have you presented your ICIA in an Easy Read format?	N/A
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?	This ICIA Screening Template will be uploaded onto SE’s website alongside the published version of Our focus on economic transformation .
Who will sign-off your final ICIA and why?	Chief Financial Officer

ICIA completed by:	John Crawford
Position:	Team Leader Strategy Services
Date:	19 January 2024

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