

Final CRWIA - Web version of Policy CRWIA

Engagement of children and young people in the planning system 5 December 2017	
Policy/measure	To enhance the engagement of children and young people in shaping their local areas, we wish to encourage engagement on the statutory development plan.
Summary of policy aims and desired outcomes	This policy is in response to Recommendation 48 from the Independent Planning Review Panel report – Empowering Planning to Deliver Great Places - http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00500946.pdf
Directorate; Division; Team	Planning and Architecture Division
Executive Summary	<p>The Scottish Government undertook a Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment of the wider policy intention to promote enhanced engagement in the planning system.</p> <p>This assessment found that the provisions on local place plans would have a positive impact on the participation of children and young people. It also found that the provisions for enhanced engagement, including the requirement to use methods that will secure the engagement of children and young people in the process, will have a positive and direct impact</p>
Background	<p>Scottish Planning Policy recognises that all those involved with the system have a responsibility to engage and work together constructively and proportionately to achieve quality places for Scotland. This includes the Scottish Government and its agencies, public bodies, statutory consultees, elected members, communities, the general public, developers, applicants, agents, interest groups and representative organisations.</p> <p>Throughout the planning system, opportunities are available for everyone to engage in the development decisions which affect them. Such engagement between stakeholders should be early, meaningful and proportionate. Planning authorities and developers should ensure that appropriate and proportionate steps are taken to engage with communities during the preparation of development plans, when development proposals are being formed and when applications for planning permission are made.</p> <p>There is some evidence that children and young people are engaged in setting out a vision for their places. In March 2017, the Scottish Government brought together a number of children’s representative bodies and planning authorities to share their experiences. More about Making Places can be found at - https://blogs.gov.scot/planning-architecture/2017/04/11/making-places-event-30-march-2017/</p> <p>This policy is in response to Recommendation 48 from the Independent Planning Review Panel report – Empowering Planning to Deliver Great Places - <i>A new statutory right for young people to be consulted on the development plan should be introduced.</i></p> <p>We have consulted on proposals to enhance the engagement of</p>

	<p>children and young people in shaping their local areas, we will encourage engagement on the statutory development plan. There was general support for this proposal, including from children and young people.</p>
<p>Scope of the CRWIA</p>	<p>The assessment considered the following three policy intentions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance the engagement of children and young people in shaping their local areas, we will encourage engagement on the statutory development plan • In preparing guidance on local place plans, we will encourage wide ranging engagement by community bodies on such plans; and • Support the engagement of children and young people in national policy development.
<p>Children and young people's views and experiences</p>	<p>Responses to Places, People and Planning (2017) supported improved engagement with children and young people. A survey undertaken by YoungScot (2017) to accompany Places, People and Planning concluded that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the majority of young people feel they should be involved in planning in their local area and that their local councils should look at ways to support children and young people to do this; • the 'Local Place Plans' proposed by the Government should look at education, housing, transport and improving local services and accessibility to them; and • the majority of young people feel that their local council should have to prove that they have involved children and young people in their plans.
<p>Key Findings</p> <p>To include impact on UNCRC rights and contribution to wellbeing indicators</p>	<p>Evidence would suggest that there will be a positive impact on children's rights and well-being. This complements children's rights under the UNCRC, specifically the following articles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 12: Respect for the views of the child; and • Article 31: Engage in Play & Recreational Activities. <p>Much of the further work will require to be supported by additional and more detailed assessment of the impact of children's rights and well-being. There should therefore be consideration of the need for further assessment as policy and legislation are developed.</p>
<p>Conclusions and Recommendations</p>	<p>The evidence would lead to a recommendation to proceed with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance the engagement of children and young people in shaping their local areas, we will encourage engagement on the statutory development plan • In preparing guidance on local place plans, we will encourage wide ranging engagement by community bodies on such plans; and • Support the engagement of children and young people in national policy development.
<p>Monitoring and review</p>	<p>The measures will be monitored and reviewed in the following ways:</p>

	<p>- any engagement in the statutory development plan is primarily a matter for the planning authority for the area subject to the requirements set out in legislation. However, there is a statutory requirement to set out in a participation statement who, how and when people will engaged in the development of the policy. As part of future policy development, we will work with stakeholders to ensure that the participation statement contains engagement methods which include children and young people.</p> <p>- consultation and engagement by community bodies in the preparation of their Local Place Plan will be a matter for this body. We will not be in a position to monitor how community bodies are engaging with children and young people on the LPP.</p> <p>- amendments to national policy will be subject to public consultation with the final documents published around 2020. This policy is subject to a statutory requirement to set out in a participation statement who, how and when people will engaged in the development of the policy. We will ensure that the participation statement contains engagement methods which include children and young people in their development. In addition, national policy is subject to Parliamentary scrutiny. There is also a statutory requirement for national planning policy to be reviewed periodically. This is currently every 5 years, but the Planning Bill proposes this is extended to 10 years.</p> <p>We will use existing surveys to help with our monitoring of general participation of children and young people.</p>
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CRWIA required	CRWIA not required
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Authorisation	
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