

# **Scottish Government SME and Third Sector Procurement Action Plan 2024-2026**

**Strategic Environmental Assessment**

**Pre-screening Notification**

**May 2024**

<b>Responsible Authority:</b>	Scottish Government
<b>Title of the plan:</b>	Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) and Third Sector Procurement Action Plan
<b>What prompted the plan:</b> (e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)	The Action Plan consolidates existing policy, practice and guidance and therefore does not constitute a new policy or plan.
<b>Plan subject:</b> (e.g. transport)	Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) and Third Sector Procurement
<b>Brief summary of the plan:</b> (including the area or location to which the plan related)	The Action Plan brings together a number of pre-existing guidance documents, policies and engagement mechanisms, and makes clear how the Scottish Government's commitment will be delivered to SMEs and Third Sector organisations on opening up opportunities for public sector procurement.
<b>Brief summary of the likely environmental consequences:</b> (including whether it has been determined that the plan is likely to have no or minimum effects, either directly or indirectly)	It is not assessed that there are environmental consequences – this is because the action plan does not introduce a new policy, but consolidates existing policy, practice and guidance into a single information source.
<b>Brief summary of how environmental principles have been considered:</b> (including whether any of the guiding principles, as set out in section 13 of the Continuity Act, are relevant to the plan)	The SME and Third Sector Procurement Action Plan has been developed in consultation with representative organisations from across Scotland. The action plan does not introduce a new policy, but consolidates existing policy, practice and guidance into a single information source in order to improve accessibility to and awareness of the range of services, support and guidance for SMEs and Third Sector organisations in Scotland through public procurement.
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<b>Date of opinion:</b>	22 April 2024



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