

Child Rights and Wellbeing Screening Sheet for Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2023/24 to 2027/28

1. Brief Summary

Name the policy, and describe its overall aims. Which National Outcomes does this policy/measure contribute to?

The main focus of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2022/23-2026/27 is the delivery of the Scottish Government's Affordable Housing Supply Programme.

The SHIP provides a practical plan detailing how the Local Housing Strategy investment priorities will be delivered and forms the basis for more detailed programme planning.

It informs the allocation of resources from a national to a local authority basis and contributes to the following National Outcomes:

- We grow up loved, safe and respected so that we realise our full potential.
- We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe.
- We have a globally competitive, entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy.
- We are well educated, skilled and able to contribute to society.
- We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment.
- We have thriving and innovative businesses, with quality jobs and fair work for everyone.
- We are healthy and active.
- We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally.

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.

All aspects of the SHIP will affect children and young people up to the age of 18 since it relates to the delivery of affordable housing in North Lanarkshire.

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.

By increasing the supply of accessible, affordable and energy efficient housing, the SHIP will have an indirectly positive impact on children and young people in North Lanarkshire.

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.

An Equality Impact Assessment undertaken for the SHIP found no differential impact for children and young people. The delivery of affordable housing through the SHIP will have a positive impact on all age groups. It will, however, have a particularly positive impact on children and families who are adversely affected by poverty, by increasing the affordable housing options and reducing the cost-of-living. It will also have a positive impact on children and young people who live with a disability or long-term condition since all homes are built to achieve Housing for Varying Needs standards and incorporate enhanced accessibility and design standards.

5. Is a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment required?

Please state if a CRWIA will be carried out or not. Please explain your reasons.

No, a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment is not required. The SHIP will not directly impact children and young people.

6. Sign & Date

Policy Lead Signature & Date of Sign Off:

Deputy Director Signature & Date of Sign Off:

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