

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT AND

- a. Note the National Islands Plan Review online consultation announced by the Scottish Government on 1 August 2023 with a closing date of 9 October 2023; and
- b. Given the timeline for the response, agree that the formal response to the consultation from the Council be prepared and shared with Members of the Argyll Islands Sounding Board for their views and input with the final response being delegated to the Executive Director with

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Given the timescale for responding, it is proposed that a draft to each of the 11 online questions is prepared and shared with Members of the Argyll Islands Sounding Board for their views and their input with the final submission to the consultation being delegated to the Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth in consultation with the Leader, Depute Leader, Leader of the largest Opposition Group and the Policy Lead for Islands.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – The Scottish Government’s National Islands Plan (NIP) seeks to support islands communities and address those issues and challenges most affecting Scotlands islands.
- 5.2 Financial – No direct financial implication in regard to the consultation response itself however the successful delivery of the current NIP and the associated actions contained within it is reliant on sufficient financial resources also being made available by Scottish Government to local authorities.
- 5.3 Legal – None.
- 5.4 HR – None.
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:
- 5.5.1 Equalities – None.
- 5.5.2 Socio-Economic Duty – None.
- 5.5.3 Islands – The NIP has been developed by the Scottish Government to help support our island communities.
- 5.6 Climate Change – None.
- 5.7 Risk – None.
- 5.8 Customer Service – None.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – National Islands Plan Consultation Questions