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WASTE AND RESOURCES PLAN

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
PRE-SCREENING REPORT

22 September 2022

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A SEA Pre-Screening Report is attached for the plan, programme or strategy (PPS) entitled: HES Waste and Resources Plan

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: We consider the above plan qualifies under section 5(4) of the above legislation.

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Title: HES Waste and Resources Plan

Purpose of the plan: Our new Waste and Resources Plan for Historic Environment Scotland (HES) presents a step change for how we manage our waste and resources. It will set out how we will support Scotland to become a zero-waste society with a circular economy and do our part to tackle the climate emergency.

The approach of this plan focuses on minimising our demand on primary resources by making the most of what we already have and maximising the reuse, recycling, and recovery of resources, rather than treating them as waste. It sets us on a trajectory towards becoming a more circular organisation where we design circular principles, resource efficiency and waste reduction into everything we do in a way is just and fair and enhances equalities at every opportunity.

What prompted the plan? The plan will set out the guiding principles for how all our waste and resources should be managed and the actions we will take to accelerate progress towards our ambitious waste targets defined in the HES [Climate Action Plan](#) (CAP).

Subject: material assets (waste), cultural heritage

Period covered & frequency of updates: 5 years or as required

Area covered by the plan: HES operations across Scotland

Summary of the plan: The plan will outline how we will change the way we consume and manage resources so that we can reduce our dependence on raw materials, reduce waste and build resilience to supply chain disruptions. The plan will prepare our organisation for the transition to the low carbon economy, future-proofing the delivery of our functions in a low carbon world. Beyond this it will also look to harness our spending and influence to support the wider societal just transition to a net zero circular economy.

It will explain the guiding principles that define our approach to waste and resources management, the waste hierarchy and the circular economy. It will then identify a range of target and actions that we will take over the next five years, including toolkits for staff in support of their work.

Screening assessment: With reference to the criteria specified in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 we consider that the plan will have minimal environmental effects. This is principally because the priorities which will guide the plan have been considered and assessed at a strategic level through the previous environmental assessments for Our Place in Time 2014 ([SEA/00783](#)) and HES's previous Corporate Plan 2015-19 ([SEA/01049](#)).

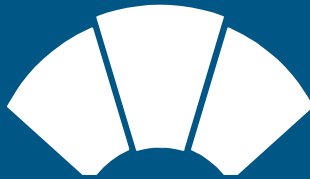
Our [Corporate Plan](#) for 2022 onwards has recently been updated and our determination for this ([SEA/01673](#)) was that, pending a wider review in 2023/24, the findings of this previous assessment remain valid. [Our Place in Time](#) is currently being updated and a SEA is being undertaken as part of this process. All of these previous assessments identified the importance of supporting a wide range of environmental issues, including the management of waste and resources in a sustainable way. They also highlighted the ways our reuse and sustainable management of the historic environment more broadly can contribute to circular economy objectives. The plan will provide further detail on how we will take this forward within our own organisation.

However, the plan will not set a framework projects or development. It will instead influence and drive culture change throughout our organisation in how we manage waste and resources, complementing and supporting objectives within our [climate action](#) and [carbon management](#) plans. While we expect there to be positive effects for the management of waste and the environment, we do not expect these to be strategically significant or introduce effects that have not been considered elsewhere.

Historic Environment Scotland's determination

Based on the information provided above, we consider our Waste and Resources Plan is likely to have minimal environmental effects. It is the view of Historic Environment Scotland that, under Section 7 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, a strategic environmental assessment is not required prior to its adoption.

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