

SEA SCREENING REPORT (COVER NOTE)

PART 1

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PART 2

An SEA Screening Report is attached for the strategy entitled:

Net Zero Aberdeen: A Route-map towards becoming a net zero emissions city by 2045

The Responsible Authority is:

Aberdeen City Council

PART 3

Screening is required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005. Our view is that:

☐ **an SEA is required** because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(3) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects or

☐ **an SEA is required** because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(4) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects or

☒ **an SEA is not required** because the PPS is unlikely to have significant environmental effects

PART 4

☐ The PPS does not require an SEA under the Act. However, we wish to carry out an SEA on a voluntary basis. We accept that, because this SEA is voluntary, the statutory 28 day timescale for views from the Consultation Authorities cannot be guaranteed.

PART 5

☐ None of the above apply. We have prepared this screening report because:

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Date	11/02/2022

SEA SCREENING REPORT - KEY FACTS

Responsible Authority	Aberdeen City Council
Title of PPS	A Route-map towards becoming a net zero emissions city by 2045
Purpose of PPS	The Route-map has been prepared through collaborative working, to outline how the City of Aberdeen can contribute to the delivery of the Scottish Parliament target of net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by the year 2045.
What prompted the PPS (e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)	The Route-map has been produced acknowledging the legislative drivers relevant to climate change including, but not limited to the: Climate Change Act 2008, Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and Climate Change (Emission Reduction Targets) Scotland) Act 2019. Relevant drivers are outlined in the Net Zero Aberdeen Route-map and the supporting theme documents and the Route-map gives a local context to the wider National work.
Subject	Climate Change
Period covered by PPS	2021 to 2045
Frequency of Updates	The guidance will be reviewed as and when necessary.
Area covered	The Route-map covers the City of Aberdeen.

**Summary of
nature/Content of
PPS**

The Route Map focuses attention on 6 sector-based themes and there are supporting short high level strategic approaches for each.

These are:

- Mobility
- Buildings and Heat
- Circular Economy
- Energy Supply
- Our Natural Environment
- Empowerment

Each, theme document considers the -ap challenges and problems that are faced; the range of technical and behavioural solutions required to reduce emissions associated with each theme, and outlines how to deliver multiple co-benefits, including improving the natural environment and reducing inequalities.

**Are there any
proposed PPS
Objectives?**



Yes



No

Copy of PPS attached?



**Yes (draft copies
attached)**



No

Date

11/02/2022

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TABLE 1 – LIKELY SIGNIFICANCE OF EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

TITLE OF PPS

A Route-map towards becoming a net zero emissions city by 2045

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

Aberdeen City Council

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment (1(a), 1(b) etc. refer to paragraphs in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)	Likely to have significant environmental effects? YES/NO	Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)
1(a) The degree to which the PPS sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources.	No effect	The Route-map does not propose specific projects nor does it discuss location, nature, size or operating conditions.
1(b) The degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in a hierarchy	No effect	Although the intention is that the Route-map will act as an overarching guide to how Aberdeen will achieve net zero emissions by 2045, it's aims and objectives are very high level. It does not specify what other PPS must contain.
1(c) The relevance of the PPS for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	No effect	The Route-map promotes sustainable development as this is part of achieving net zero emissions by 2045. It does this in very general terms.
1(d) Environmental problems relevant to the PPS	No effect	The Route-map is not likely to result in any environmental problems.
1(e) The relevance of the PPS for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, PPS linked to waste management or water protection)	No effect	The Route-map does not implement Community legislation.
Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment	Likely to have significant environmental	Summary of significant environmental effects

(1(a), 1(b) etc. refer to paragraphs in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005)	effects? YES/NO	(negative and positive)
2 (a) The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	No effect	The Route-map is not likely to lead to any negative environmental effects associated with any probability, duration, frequency, or reversibility in environmental terms.
2 (b) The cumulative nature of the effects	No effect	As the Route Map is a high-level document, without specific projects or proposals it is not possible to determine cumulative effects.
2 (c) Transboundary nature of the effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Member States)	No effect	The Route Map is unlikely to have any effects across Scotland or UK borders.
2 (d) The risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	No effect	The Route Map is unlikely to have any risks to human health or the environment.
2 (e) The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	No effect	Although the Route Map is intended to shape how the City of Aberdeen achieves net zero emissions by 2045 as it does not specify specific projects or proposals it is not possible to determine the magnitude of effects.

2 (f) The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to- (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or (iii) intensive land-use.	No effect	The development and implementation of this Route-map is not likely to affect any sensitive sites. This is because the Route Map does not specify specific projects or proposals.
2 (g) The effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status	No effect	The development and implementation of this Route-map is not likely to affect any sensitive landscape. This is because the Route Map does not specify specific projects or proposals.

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A summary of our considerations of the significant environmental effects of “A Route-map towards becoming a net zero City by 2045” is given below.

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TABLE 2 – SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Route-map focuses attention on 6 sector-based themes. These are: Mobility, Buildings and Heat, Circular Economy, Energy Supply, Our Natural Environment and Empowerment. For each, the Route-map sets out challenges and problems Aberdeen City faces within each area. It considers the range of technical and behavioural solutions required to reduce emissions associated with each theme, and outlines how to deliver multiple co-benefits, including improving the natural environment and reducing inequalities. The content is considered to be high level and does not specify projects or proposals. If individual projects were to come forward following publication of the Route-map these would have to be individually assessed in terms of their requirements for Environmental Assessment. This PPS is not likely to have significant effects on the environment. For this reason we will not undertake a further SEA.

A summary of our considerations of the significant environmental effects of “A Route-map towards becoming a Net Zero City by 2045” is given below.

TABLE 2 – SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

SUMMARY RECORD OF COMMENTS FROM CONSULTATION AUTHORITIES

GUIDANCE NOTE

It is not a statutory requirement to include this section in the screening report. However, the Responsible Authority may find it useful for record purposes.

TITLE OF PLAN, PROGRAMME OR STRATEGY

A Route-map towards becoming a net zero emission city by 2045

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

Aberdeen City Council

DATE COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM CONSULTATION AUTHORITIES

Consultation Authority	Views (if known at this stage)
Scottish Environment Protection Agency	Significant environmental effects –
	If YES, note SEA topics/issues here (e.g. soil and water)
Nature Scot	Significant environmental effects -
	If YES, note SEA topics/issues here (e.g. flora, fauna and biodiversity)
The Scottish Ministers (Historic Scotland)	Significant environmental effects –
	If YES, note SEA topics/issues here (e.g. landscape and cultural heritage)

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TABLE 4 – RECORD OF POST SCREENING ACTION

GUIDANCE NOTE

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TITLE OF PLAN, PROGRAMME OR STRATEGY (PPS)

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

Aberdeen City Council

1 Responsible Authority and Consultation Authorities in agreement – PPS <u>is</u> likely to have significant environmental effects	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>
Date of determination	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>
2 Responsible Authority and Consultation Authorities in agreement – PPS <u>is not</u> likely to have significant environmental effects	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>
Date of determination	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>
3 Responsible Authority and Consultation Authorities cannot reach agreement – referred to the Scottish Ministers for their determination	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>
Date referred to the Scottish Ministers	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>
4 Scottish Ministers' determination	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>
Date of determination	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>
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6 Signature	<input style="width: 100%; height: 40px;" type="text"/>
Date	<input style="width: 100%; height: 30px;" type="text"/>

