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Document Description:

The BSL (Scotland) Act 2015 places a legal requirement on the Scottish Government to produce a National BSL Plan every 6 Years and an Interim Progress Report every 3 years. The Act also requires Public Authorities to publish their own Local Plan every 6 years which demonstrates how they will work towards implementing the National Plan in their areas and report on its progress made every 3 years.

Intended Outcome:

The document presents an update on the progress made towards meeting the Commitments put forward in the Council's British Sign Language (BSL) 2018-24 Plan.

How will the proposal be monitored?:

The Council's Equalities & Fairness Officer, in collaboration with the Corporate Equality and Diversity Steering Group will lead on this work. Senior Management Team and other relevant officers as well as appropriate external stakeholders (including BSL users) will be involved and consulted as appropriate. Agreed activities will be monitored through our performance management system.

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A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:

Age:	Positive
Disability:	Positive
Gender Reassignment:	No Impact
Marriage and Civil Partnership:	No Impact
Pregnancy and Maternity:	No Impact
Race/Ethnicity:	No Impact
Religion or Belief:	No Impact
Sex:	No Impact
Sexual Orientation:	No Impact

Equality and diversity Implications:

The development and delivery of this local plan will have a positive impact on people of all ages who use British Sign Language.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

N/A

Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA? : No

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B. Fairness and Poverty Impacts:

Geography

Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton):	Positive
Lochee(Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill):	Positive
Coldside(Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside):	Positive
Maryfield(Stobswell and City Centre):	Positive
North East(Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains):	Positive
East End(Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas):	Positive
The Ferry:	Positive
West End:	Positive

Household Group

Lone Parent Families:	Positive
Greater Number of children and/or Young Children:	Positive
Pensioners - Single/Couple:	Positive
Single female households with children:	Positive
Unskilled workers or unemployed:	Positive
Serious and enduring mental health problems:	Positive
Homeless:	Positive
Drug and/or alcohol problems:	Positive
Offenders and Ex-offenders:	Positive
Looked after children and care leavers:	Positive

Carers:

Positive

Significant Impact

Employment:

Positive

Education and Skills:

Positive

Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation:

Positive

Childcare:

Positive

Affordability and Accessibility of services:

Positive

Fairness and Poverty Implications:

The implementation of this plan will have positive benefits for BSL users and their families as the activities and actions identified increase the provision of information and access to services.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

N/A

C. Environmental Impacts

Climate Change

Mitigating greenhouse gases:	No Impact
Adapting to the effects of climate change:	No Impact

Resource Use

Energy efficiency and consumption:	No Impact
Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling waste:	No Impact
Sustainable Procurement:	No Impact

Transport

Accessible transport provision:	Positive
Sustainable modes of transport:	No Impact

Natural Environment

Air, land and water quality:	No Impact
Biodiversity:	No Impact
Open and green spaces:	No Impact

Built Environment

Built Heritage:	No Impact
Housing:	No Impact

Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

N/a

Environmental Implications:

BSL users will be supported, through the provision of BSL interpreters, to become directly involved in accessible transport forums

D. Corporate Risk Impacts

Corporate Risk Implications:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are 'business as normal' risks. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant loss. There is comfort that the risks inherent within the activity are either transferred to another party, shared equally and fairly between the Council and another party or are negligible.

Corporate Risk Mitigating Actions: