

Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries Islands Community Impact Assessment

Action

1. The Commission is asked to consider whether an Island Communities Impact Assessment (ICIA) is required for the Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries Review.

Background

2. The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 requires public bodies to carry out an Island Communities Impact Assessment when developing, revising and delivering any policy, strategy, service or legislation that could have a *significantly different effect on island communities*.
3. After obtaining legal advice on whether a boundary review comes under policy, strategy, service or legislation the Commission drafted an ICIA Summary when it conducted its Islands Reviews in 2021. Paper 2563 provided background information on the ICIA https://boundaries.scot/sites/default/files/LGBCS_2563_ICIA.pdf. The published report is available here https://boundaries.scot/sites/default/files/Islands_Impact_Assessment.pdf
4. Scottish Government have published guidelines and a template on the approach to be taken to ICIA's.
 - www.gov.scot/publications/island-communities-impact-assessments-guidance-toolkit-2/pages/1/
 - www.gov.scot/publications/island-proofing-work-introducing-island-communities-impact-assessments-icia/
5. A draft template is attached as Appendix A. The Commission is asked to consider the wording in this template and reach a view as to whether an ICIA is required. If the Commission agrees that an ICIA is not required, a formal decision will then be drafted and published.

Secretariat
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