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Questions

1 How much would you say you know about the current National Islands Plan?

I know a lot about it

2 Has the current National Islands Plan affected your life in any way?

Not Answered

Please explain your answer:

As a Scottish Government advisory body I feel that we have been able to influence the NIP to give consideration to the lives of disabled people especially in relation to their transport needs.

3 Has the effect of the current National Islands Plan on your life been positive, negative or not at all?

Positive

Please explain your answer:

The NIP includes aspects of transport, and is inclusive in its approach to developing transport in the Islands, so I feel the effects of the Plan are positive for disabled traveller, be they islanders or visitors

4 What are your views on the content of the current National Islands Plan?

Positive

Please explain your answer:

Having worked with the NIP team since its inception I feel that we have been able to influence and contribute to the development of the content of the plan and we were pleased to see Transport as one of the themes.

5 In your opinion, has the current National Islands Plan made progress towards achieving its Strategic Objectives to address

Q5 - Strategic Objective 1: To address population decline and ensure a healthy population profile:
Satisfactory progress

Q5 - Strategic Objective 2: To improve and promote sustainable economic development:
Satisfactory progress

Q5 - Strategic Objective 3: To improve transport services:
Progress exceeding expectations

Q5 - Strategic Objective 4: To improve housing:
Satisfactory progress

Q5 - Strategic Objective 5: To reduce levels of fuel poverty:
Minimal progress

Q5 - Strategic Objective 6: To improve digital connectivity:
Satisfactory progress

Q5 - Strategic Objective 7: To improve and promote health, social care and wellbeing:
Minimal progress

Q5 - Strategic Objective 8: To improve and promote environmental wellbeing and deal with biosecurity:
Satisfactory progress

Q5 - Strategic Objective 9: To contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation and promote clean, affordable and secure energy:
Satisfactory progress

Q5 - Strategic Objective 10: To empower diverse communities and different places:
Satisfactory progress

Q5 - Strategic Objective 11: To support arts, culture and language:

Satisfactory progress

Q5 - Strategic Objective 12: To promote and improve education for all throughout life:

Minimal progress

Q5 - Strategic Objective 13: To support effective implementation of the National Islands Plan:

Satisfactory progress

6 There are 13 Strategic Objectives in the current National Islands Plan. What is your opinion on the number of strategic objectives?

Just right

Please explain your answer:

The NIP is an important roadmap for the development of the Islands and their communities, and it therefore needs to reflect on all aspects of life on the islands be it for the residents, potential residents and the visitors.

The Islands have been a neglected part of Scotland and the introduction of the NIP, alongside the need to do an Island Impact assessment on all new legislation and the emerging Island Connectivity Plan are all addressing the outstanding issues faced by the Islands.

7 There are 134 commitments in the current National Islands Plan. What is your opinion on the number of commitments?

Just right

Please explain your answer:

The NIP has to be a comprehensive Plan, and each of its strategic objectives needs to be fully divided into appropriate commitments, the task is how to resource, make progress on and monitor the success of these commitments.

8 Overall, what do you think worked well in the current National Islands Plan?

Please give us your views:

The NIP has been developed using professional staff and working alongside communities and stakeholders. It is a major piece of work and it demonstrates the commitments made by Scottish Government to the island communities.

9 Overall, what do you think could have worked better in the current National Islands Plan?

Please give us your views:

I would have liked to see the opportunity to work with a sub-group on the commitments in the plan. MACS' role is to advise and support the development of policy and actions which relate to transport for disabled people, and I feel we could have had more involvement in some aspects of the work.

10 Do you think there should be a new plan for the Scottish Islands?

Yes

Please explain your reasons:

The NIP as it stands is a successful Plan, it has placed an importance on the Island communities equal to the position that urban areas, especially the Central belt has had. A follow-on plan is vital to keep this momentum going.

11 What would you like to see in any future or revised National Islands Plan?

Refresh the current National Islands Plan but keep the same format

Please explain your answer:

The work that has gone into the current NIP needs to be reinforced, and not thrown out and replaced by a new Plan

About you

What is your name?

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What is your connection to Scotland's islands?

Not Answered

What is your connection to Scotland's islands? :

Stakeholder representative on the NIP group.

Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

What is your organisation?

Organisation:

MACS

The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

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Yes

I confirm that I have read the privacy policy and consent to the data I provide being used as set out in the policy.

I consent

Evaluation

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Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:

Very satisfied

Please enter comments here.:

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Matrix 1 - How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?:

Very satisfied

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