

# Statement of Reasons

## Highland Public Art Strategy - Supplementary Guidance

### Introduction

This paper sets out the reasons for The Highland Council not carrying out an SEA on the Public Art Strategy - Supplementary Guidance. This paper should be read in conjunction with the determination notice for the aforementioned document.

### Determination

It has been determined by the Highland Council, following advice from the Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultation Authorities (SEPA, SHN and Historic Scotland) that a Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required for the Public Art Strategy. The individual consultation authorities' responses to the SEA screening, the screening report itself and the determination notice can be viewed online at <http://www.highland.gov.uk>.

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This section sets out why the Council has determined that the Public Art Strategy - Supplementary Guidance will not be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment. The reasons are collated from information gathered during the screening process for the Strategic Environmental Assessment and the responses to the screening from the consultation authorities.

The reasons for not carrying out a full SEA can be summarised as follows;

- This guidance will not allocate sites, promote projects or other activities. The document will provide advice and guidance for developers on how projects [promoted/permitted through other plans, programmes or strategies] can incorporate Public Art and the procedures to be followed for commissioning.
- The principal goal of this guidance is to promote the incorporation of Public Art elements within pre-existing projects, and therefore it is not anticipated that the implementation of the guidance will directly result in any environmental problems.
- It is anticipated that the Public Art projects will be both temporary and permanent in nature. Where permanent works are produced, they are likely to be reversible. Again, it is not anticipated that there will be any significant environmental effects from the implementation of the guidance.

All comments made by the consultation authorities will be taken into consideration in the production of the final document.

The Council will now progress with the production of the Public Art Strategy - Supplementary Guidance following a public consultation from late 2011.