

**Argyll and Bute Council: Equality and Socio-Economic Impact Assessment  
Revised April 2022**

**Section 1: About the proposal**

<b>Title of Proposal</b>
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Short-term let licensing regime
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<b>Intended outcome of proposal</b>
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To introduce a new licensing regime for short-term let accommodation to meet the new statutory duty on local authorities, with the aim of ensuring that this accommodation sector is safe.
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<b>Description of proposal</b>
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The licensing scheme was brought in by the Scottish Government under the Civic
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**Who will deliver the proposal?**

The Councils environmental health service will deliver the licensing regime, working with partners and stakeholders.

The scheme will impact on any persons or organisations that operate a short term let property and on short term let users or neighbours.

**Section 2: Evidence used in the course of carrying out EqSEIA****Consultation / engagement**

1. Argyll and Bute Councils Short-term Let Officer Steering Group
2. Policy Lead Councilors and Senior Management Team
3. Engagement with partner agencies including Police Scotland, Fire and Rescue and Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Parks Authority
4. Business engagement through Association of Scottish Self Caterers (ASSC)
5. Public consultation exercise on draft licensing policy and specific aspects of the scheme between 15 July and 5 August 2022. 552 responses were received, with a significant majority of respondents agreeing with the Council's proposals. Feedback from the consultation was used to inform the final licensing scheme.
6. Licensing scheme will be considered by Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee on the 28 September 2022 and by full Council on the 29 September 2022

**Data**

A variety of source of information and data have been considered including Scottish Government guidance on short term let licensing, and the Councils Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) database.

**Other information**

[Scottish Government Short-term Lets in Scotland Licensing Scheme guide Parts 1 and 2.](#)

**Gaps in evidence**

There is uncertainty over the total number of premises falling within this scheme as the



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