



**PERTH &
KINROSS
COUNCIL**

SEA Screening

**Perth & Kinross Community
Planning Economic Partnership
Economic Strategy 2009 - 2014**





Section 1. Cover Note

1.1 Name of Responsible Authority Perth & Kinross Council on behalf of Perth & Kinross Community Planning Economic Partnership

1.2 Title of Plan, Programme or Strategy Economic Strategy 2009 to 2014

1.3 Screening is Required by the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.
In the view of Perth & Kinross Council:

- a) An SEA is required because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(3) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects **OR**
- b) An SEA is required because the PPS falls under the scope of Section 5(4) of the Act and is likely to have significant environmental effects **OR**
- c) An SEA is not required because the PPS is unlikely to have significant environmental effects

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Section 3. Key Facts

3.1	Responsible Authority	Perth & Kinross Council on behalf of the Community Planning Economic Partnership
3.2	Title of PPS	Perth & Kinross Economic Strategy 2009 to 2014
3.3	Purpose of PPS	<p>The Economic Strategy sets out the strategic direction to stimulate and support the local economy of Perth and Kinross and the priorities for delivering this over the next 5 years. These priorities will be translated into operational objectives and detailed actions through the Economic Strategy Action Plan by individual and/or collective action of Partnership members.</p>
3.4	What prompted the PPS? <i>(e.g., a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)</i>	<p>Administrative: The Community Planning Economic Partnership's last Economic Strategy (2006-2010) was published in 2006. However, in light of the changing economic circumstances and the signature of the Single Outcome Agreement between the Community Planning Partnership and the Scottish Government the Strategy needs to be renewed.</p>
3.5	Subject <i>(e.g., Transport or Tourism)</i>	<p>Economy</p> <p>The Strategy will support the following vision: 'Our vision is of a confident and ambitious Perth and Kinross, to which everyone can contribute and in which all can share. We will create and sustain vibrant, safe, healthy and inclusive communities in which people are respected, nurtured and supported and where learning and enterprise are promoted'. This vision will be implemented through six key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Connections and development infrastructure- Lifelong learning at the heart of the economy- Encouraging a culture of Entrepreneurship- Supporting and Developing Businesses- Supporting key industry sectors- Supporting people through employability
3.6	Summary of nature/content of PPS	
3.7	Period Covered by PPS	2009 to 2014
3.8	Frequency of Updates	Every 4/5 years
3.9	Area covered by PPS (km ²)	The whole of Perth & Kinross 5,286 km ²

- 3.10 Map Included? (See Appendix 1) Yes
- 3.11 Are there any proposed PPS objectives? Yes
- 3.12 Copy of objectives attached? (See Appendix 2) Yes

Section 4. SEA Screening Report

PPS Background

The Perth and Kinross Economic Strategy has a strategic vision; strategic approach and themes which cover jobs and the economy and learning. An action plan is appended to the Strategy detailing how it would be implemented.

Our determinations regarding the likely significance of effects that the PPS will have on the environment is set out in Tables 1 and 2:

TABLE 1: Likely Significance of Environmental Effects in Regards to the Strategic Character of the Plan

Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment	Significant environmental effects likely?	Summary of significant environmental effects (positive and negative)
4.1 Does the PPS set the framework for future developments, projects, programmes or activities, in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determining location(s)? • Defining its nature? • Defining its size or scope? • Setting out operating conditions? • Setting a framework for development? • Allocating resources? 	No	The Economic Strategy identifies key drivers to develop the local economy and how other strategic frameworks can contribute such as Regional Transport Strategy or Tay Plan Strategic Development Plan or the Schools Estate Strategy. It does not determined location, nature, size or scope, operating conditions, framework for development or resources allocation. In the case of business land, sites are already been zoned within the local plan. Although not significant, the Strategy has the potential to have an environmental effect.
4.2 Is the plan you are producing is likely to influence other plans, through its vision, policies, actions, proposals or objectives? If so, to what degree?	No	The Strategy identified 6 strategic themes which were agreed by key stakeholders. For each theme, existing strategic frameworks have been identified and some of the actions relevant to the development of the local economy have been listed. However, the strategy is only listing these frameworks and actions which have already been agreed as part of their respective action plans. Although not significant, the Strategy has the potential to influence other plans and enhance some positive environmental effects.

4.3	Are the principles of sustainable development (social and economic development that occurs within environmental limits) being considered and integrated into the plan?	No	The Economic Strategy has taken into account sustainable development by considering how the development of the local economy would bring social and environmental benefits, but also how equality and caring for the environment could bring a positive contribution to the local economy. For instance, support to the renewable energy sector can bring environment benefits by minimising climate change impact and minimising our emission can lead to the creation of jobs and market opportunities. Within the same approach, the provision of jobs or training opportunities to economically inactive can bring social benefits and encouraging flexibility and diversity with the workforce can lead to more successful businesses.
4.4	Are there any environmental issues that are likely to occur due to the subject of the plan or the area it will affect?	No	The Economy Strategy has identified other existing strategic frameworks which would have to identify or have identified environmental issues which may affect the area. However, the identified environmental issues will not occur due to the Economic strategy itself.
4.5	Does the PPS have links to the implementation of EU environmental legislation (sometimes called Community Legislation)?	No	The Economic Strategy will not in itself implement any Community Legislation. However, although not significant, the Strategy may link indirectly to the implementation of some EU legislation.

TABLE 2 : Likely Significance of Environmental Effects in Regards to the Character of the Environmental Effects and Area Likely to be Affected

	Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment	Significant environmental effects likely?	Summary of significant environmental effects (positive and negative)
4.6	Will the plan significantly impact the environment due to the likelihood that the associated effects will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a high probability of occurring? • Be long in duration? • Occur frequently? • Be irreversible? 	No	The Economy Strategy has identified other existing strategic frameworks which would have to identify or have identified impact on the environment and associated effects. Some of these frameworks have the potential to have positive and negative environmental effects, but the Economy Strategy in itself will not contribute to a significant extent.
4.7	Taken over time, as well as together with other plans, activities and local conditions, will the environmental effects be cumulative in nature?	No	The Economy Strategy has identified other existing strategic frameworks which could have positive and negative cumulative effects, but the Economy Strategy in itself will not add significantly to these cumulative effects.

4.8	Will the environmental effects impact other local authorities or EU countries?	No	The Economy Strategy in itself will not impact on other local authorities or EU countries.
4.9	Do the environmental effects associated with the plan have the potential to impact human health (positively or negatively)?	No	The other strategic frameworks identified by the Economy Strategy may have environmental effects which may have the potential to positively or negatively impact human health, but the Economic Strategy in itself will not significantly impact on human health. The emphasis of some of the actions within key industry sectors would be to encourage positive impact such as within the food and drink sector (eg food mile reduction, use of local produce, Cittaslow campaign).
4.10	Will the plan have significant effect(s) when considering the potential magnitude and spatial extent of the plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it affect a large area? • Does it affect an area of high biodiversity or historic value? • Is a large or vulnerable portion of the population affected? 	No	<p>Although not significant, the Economic Strategy which covers the whole of Perth & Kinross can positively affect biodiversity or historic value through support for the development of job creation and market opportunities enhancing such assets.</p> <p>To some extent, the Strategy would positively impact on a vulnerable portion of the population in relation to employability activities by providing jobs and training opportunities.</p>
4.11	Will the PPS have a significant environmental effect on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status?	No	Although not significant, the Economic Strategy may positively affect designated sites and landscapes at local, national and international level through support to job creation and market opportunities enhancing such assets.
4.12	Does the area affected possess special natural characteristics or a cultural heritage, which make it an area of high value or vulnerability?	No	Although not significant, the Economic Strategy may positively affect designated sites or cultural heritage at local, national and international level through support to job creation and market opportunities enhancing such assets.
4.13	Will the plan lead to any circumstances where environmental quality standards or limit values may be exceeded?	No	The Economic Strategy will not lead to circumstances where environmental quality standards or limits may be exceeded. However, the other existing strategic frameworks identified in the strategy may have some direct and indirect effects. There are other policies in place to ensure that these standards are not breached.



4.14	Will the plan lead or contribute to intensive land use?	No	Although not directly, the Economic Strategy may influence the local plan in relation to business land and may influence use of agriculture and forestry land use. The Strategy does not identify any specific development sites.
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Summary of Environmental Effects

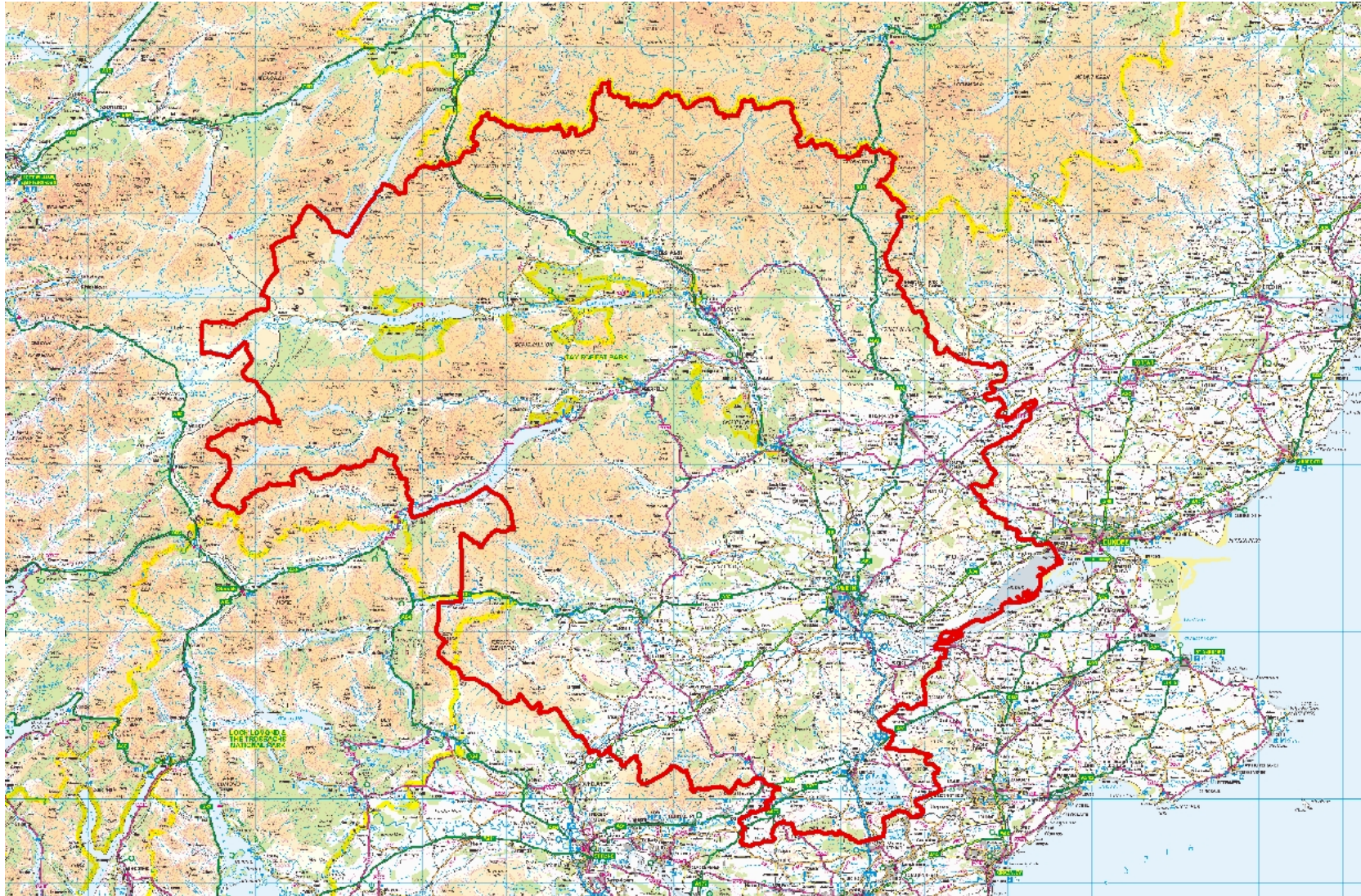
The Economic Strategy sets out the strategic direction to stimulate and support the local economy of Perth and Kinross. These priorities will be translated into operational objectives and detailed actions through the Economic Strategy Action Plan (2009-2014) by individual and/or collective actions of Partnership members.

The Economic Strategy identifies 6 strategic themes and key drivers to develop the local economy and which PPS can contribute to its effective implementation such as Regional Transport Strategy or Tay Plan Strategic Development Plan or the Schools Estate Strategy. Although not significantly the Economic Strategy may affect positively the environment and bring environment benefits and social benefits.

The Economic Strategy has identified other PPS which may have significant negative or positive effects on the environment and these PPS have been or will be subject to SEA. Because all the Strategy themes will be covered by other SEAs, the residual actions will have minimal effect on the environment. Since the matters in the Strategy are more appropriately assessed in other PPS, Perth and Kinross Council would not like to duplicate other assessments.

Finally, and in summary, the Economic Strategy lists the existing PPS and actions which can contribute to support and develop the local economy, and in itself, the Strategy may have some positive environmental effects, but not significant. Consequently, it is our view that it will not be necessary to undertake an Environmental Assessment of the Economic Strategy.

Appendix 1. Area Map





Appendix 2. PPS Objectives

Our vision is of a confident and ambitious Perth and Kinross, to which everyone can contribute and in which all can share. We will create and sustain vibrant, safe, healthy and inclusive communities in which people are respected, nurtured and supported and where learning and enterprise are promoted’.

This vision will be implemented through six key themes:

- Connections and development infrastructure
- Lifelong learning at the heart of the economy
- Encouraging a culture of Entrepreneurship
- Supporting and Developing Businesses
- Supporting key industry sectors
- Supporting people through employability