

West Lothian Single Outcome Agreement (2013-2023) – ‘Achieving Positive Outcomes’

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination

This determination is being made under Section 9(4)-9(6) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the Act').

The West Lothian Community Planning Partnership (WLCPP) has undertaken a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening review of the new Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) using the criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Act, with a view to answering the question "is the PPS likely to result in significant environmental effects?"

The WLCPP concluded that the SOA is too high-level and strategic and that the lower tier plans, programmes and strategies (PPS) will contain the details of how the plan will be implemented and will take action to realise local priorities and outcomes. It is these PPS that will be subject to SEA.

Under Section 9 of the Act, the West Lothian CPP consulted with the Consultation Authorities on whether the SOA is likely to have significant effects and an agreement has been reached between the West Lothian CPP and the Consultation Authorities that **significant environmental effects are not likely** and so **an SEA is not required**.

The West Lothian CPP will therefore not be undertaking an SEA for the new SOA.