

## SEA PRE-SCREENING REPORT (COVER NOTE)

### PART 1

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### PART 2

An SEA Pre Screening Report is attached for the strategy entitled:

Aberdeenshire Historic Environment Strategy 2009

The Responsible Authority is:

Aberdeenshire Council

### PART 3

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23 April 2009

## SEA PRE-SCREENING REPORT - KEY FACTS

<b>Responsible Authority</b>	Aberdeenshire Council
<b>Title of PPS</b>	Aberdeenshire Historic Environment Strategy
<b>Purpose of PPS</b>	The purpose of this PPS is to rationalise policies for managing Aberdeenshire's Historic Environment in response changes in management structures
<b>What prompted the PPS</b> (e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)	Administrative
<b>Subject</b>	Historic Environment
<b>Period covered by PPS</b>	2009-2014
<b>Frequency of Updates</b>	As and when necessary
<b>Area covered</b>	Aberdeenshire
<b>Summary of nature/Content of PPS</b>	The PPS covers introduction, political priorities background, legislative and national policy background, local policy context, Aberdeenshire Historic Environment, Approaches, projects, Issues and opportunities as well as an action plan.
<b>Are there any proposed PPS?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Copy of PPS attached?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Date</b>	23 April 2009

**TITLE OF PPS**

Aberdeenshire Historic Environment Strategy

**RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY**

Aberdeenshire Council

<b>Criteria for determining no or minimal effects on the environment</b>	<b>Likely to have no or minimal environmental effects</b>	<b>Summary of significant environmental effects (negative and positive)</b>
1(a) the degree to which the PPS sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources	Minimal effects	The strategy sets the context for mainly existing projects such as Banff Townscape Heritage Initiative, Peterhead Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, Kirkyards project, Tarlair pool, Haddo House, Boyndie Aerodrome, Material Store, Fyvie Traditional Skills Centre, Masons Mark Projects, Historic Land Use assessment Project, Maritime project, War Memorial Project, Sites and Monuments Record and SMR. These projects involve repairs consistent with standards in the Historic Environment, rationalisation of funding, education, land use classification using GIS, recording of discoveries along the coastline, photographing, displays, lectures, preparation and updating of SLAs and community engagement among others.
1(b) the degree to which the PPS influences other PPS including those in a hierarchy	Minimal or no effect	This strategy is not setting a framework for other PPS. It is seeking to respond to change and to efficiently manage workload.  The strategy has been prompted by several changes in the way we work. Historic Scotland are proposing changes to their way of working which would see more listed building applications determined solely by local authorities. This means that it is a good time to examine our current way of working to see how the Council can best meet the terms of the proposed new way of working. A restructuring of the Planning Policy and Environment Team together with more rigorous business planning has led to a need to review workloads and to look at future priorities.

		The desire to make the best of external funding opportunities available has also been a key driver in taking forward the strategy. The Council wishes to continue a proactive role in the historic environment as well as carrying out its statutory protective role. Changes in the environment are ongoing. It is the intention that this strategy will help to manage and prioritise the Council's work on the historic environment to achieve the best results.
1(c) the relevance of the PPS for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	Minimal or no effect	The strategy is consistent with the legislation on the Historic Environment in so far as its overall goal is "to protect and, where appropriate, enhance the historic environment". To the extent that the actions under the strategy will involve rationalisation of the Council's work programme, it is likely to have minimal effects on the environment.
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1(d) environmental problems relevant to the PPS	No effect	There is no discernible problems relevant to this PPS
1(e) the relevance of the PPS for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, PPS linked to waste management or water protection)	Minimal effects	Directive 2007/2/EC on Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE) is relevant
2 (a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	No effect	None at all
2 (b) the cumulative nature of the effects	No effect	None envisaged
2 (c) transboundary nature of the effects (i.e. environmental effects on other EU Member States)	No effect	None at all
2 (d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	No effect	There is no discernible risk

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2 (e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	No effect	No effects are discernible
2 (f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to- (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or (iii) intensive land-use.	No effect	None at all
2 (g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status	No effect	None

### The Objectives of the Strategy

The main objectives of the strategy are

1. To assess Aberdeenshire Council's current approach to the historic environment, identify best practice and areas for improvement.
2. To integrate historic environment issues across key Council Services.
3. To identify commitments for action on the historic environment made in national and local policy documents.
4. To prepare a priority programme of action within Aberdeenshire for the next 10 years