



This document assesses the potential effects of policies in the Sound of Mull Marine Spatial Plan to determine whether an equalities impact assessment is required. This process has been undertaken using guidance contained on the Scottish Government website: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Equality/18507/EQIAtool/EQIA2>

Under this guidance there are three main criteria that determine whether an equalities impact assessment is necessary.

*Will individuals have access to, or be denied access to a service or function as a result of your policy or changes you propose to make to existing services or functions?*

The Sound of Mull Marine Spatial Plan aims to guide sustainable use and development of the area whilst safeguarding important natural, historical and cultural areas. The plan does not make suggestions with relevance to existing public services or functions in the region (e.g. health, transport, housing, education). Opportunities and recommendations are identified in the plan that may potentially increase the provision of transport services to the region if adopted.

*Will the implementation of your policy result in individuals being employed, a change in staffing*

No data was collected on gender, race, sexual orientation, or religion.

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Four public events were held around the Sound of Mull. Venues were chosen that enabled all equality groups to attend these events. No specific consultations were held with equality groups.