

## Scope of updated ISA work

This note provides further detail on the proposed work to be carried out as part of the review and update to the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) supporting the Island Planning Strategy.

The ISA Stages identified below are those set out in Appendix 1: Island Planning Strategy Summer 2025 work programme.

Where relevant annotated summary extracts from Appendix A of document ED21 are provided.

### ISA Stage A: Setting the context, objectives, establishing baseline and scope

- Review March 2021 scoping report in light of any relevant evidence and strategies and Reg 19 consultation responses;
- Update June 2024 ISA to reflect any changes coming out of the scoping report review

### ISA Stage B: Developing and refining alternatives and assessing effects

All assessment work to be based upon the framework in the June 2024 ISA. Carry out an assessment of the following:

- options (reasonable alternatives) for policies reliant on the 2018 ISA;
- further detail on alternative housing requirements considered to clearly set out what the consequences of the preferred housing requirement would be against the SA objectives and how any adverse impacts could be mitigated;
- options for proposed changes to policies C11, EV5 and G2, H1 and other related H policies where not covered above (the council is aware of other changes that will be proposed through main modifications that will be considered separately, later in the examination process);
- key policies that give rise to significant environmental effects; and,
- site selection, to include an assessment of all sites identified as viable through the SHLAA process with a conclusion why sites should be considered a sustainable option for housing and how consideration against the SA objectives has informed the proposed individual site requirements set out in Appendix 3 of the IPS.

The above assessment work to include (and set out) the assessing of reasonable options. The assessment of all reasonable alternative site options to include an explanation as to why potentially reasonable sites (sites that the SHLAA has objectively concluded were suitable, achievable and available) were not to be preferred in terms of sustainability.

**ED21 Appendix A summary extracts addressed by Stage B**

**A3.** Reassess the assessment of options (reasonable alternatives) for policies contained in the 2018 ISA in light of more up to date evidence and strategies.

**A4.** How the ISA process since 2021 has assessed alternative housing requirements, enabling those with an interest in the plan to understand what the consequences of the proposed lower housing requirement would be against the SA objectives and how any adverse impacts could be mitigated.

**A6.** A conclusion why the site should be considered a sustainable option for housing or how consideration against the SA objectives has informed the proposed individual site requirements at Appendix 3 of the IPS.

**A8.** A full assessment of all reasonable alternative site options and to explain why a significant number of potentially reasonable sites (sites that the SHLAA has objectively concluded were suitable, achievable and available) were not to be preferred.

**ISA Stage C: Prepare the ISA Report**

Prepare an ISA document to accompany plan submission that transparently indicates where and how all reasonable alternatives have been considered, to include why a preferred option has been selected and where alternatives have been rejected. Where appropriate, this will include clearer signposting to relevant parts of previous ISA.

**ED21 Appendix A summary extracts addressed by Stage C**

**A2.** The ISA accompanying plan submission should transparently indicate where and how all reasonable alternatives have been considered, in headline terms why a preferred option has been selected and where alternatives have been rejected. Where appropriate, this should include clearer signposting to relevant parts of previous ISA