

*Q Does the document reflect the aspirations of key stakeholders and partner agencies?*

Feedback	Comment
<p><b>Creative Scotland</b> The document reflects Creative Scotland's priority to work with others to widen access to, and participation in, arts and culture and it reflects the importance of place and creative communities.</p>	<p><b>No action required</b></p>
<p><b>Falkirk Sports Council</b> Yes</p>	<p><b>No action required</b></p>
<p><b>Historic Scotland</b> Welcomes the preparation of this strategy and feel that it very closely reflects our aspirations for valuing, enhancing and increasing participation in the historic environment. We particularly like the focus on people and place and the recognition of the many benefits that engagement with culture brings.</p>	<p><b>No action required</b></p>
<p><b>NHS Forth Valley</b> The document does reflect our positive aspirations for Falkirk however from an NHS perspective it would benefit from a greater recognition of the importance of culture and sport as potential sources of employment, training and positive future careers for Falkirk's population, especially children and Young People. Addressing Inequalities is a key challenge for local partner agencies. Developments in culture and sport offer significant opportunities to reduce population inequalities and this could feature more strongly than in this consultation draft.</p>	<p><b>Employment issues- Agreed to pick up more explicitly in final Strategy. Specific actions to tackle inequalities issues will be picked up in delivery plans</b></p>
<p><b>Sportscotland</b> Although the partnership with sportscotland is referenced, as this is a Culture &amp; Sport Strategy there could be a stronger emphasis placed upon sport. There are no real details as set out in Reaching Higher, the national strategy for sport, or sportscotland's corporate aspiration to develop a World Class Sporting System.</p>	<p><b>More appropriately picked up in the Sports Delivery Plan</b></p>
<p><b>Falkirk Indoor Bowling Club</b> The document indicates a great knowledge of how Falkirk Council sports properties can contribute to the aspirations of stakeholders but shows little knowledge of the "partners" in many of the Clubs where members own the facilities separate from the Council or the Trust.</p>	<p><b>Will be picked up in the Sports Delivery Plan</b></p>

*Q Are the vision, aims and objectives of the Strategy sufficiently clear and are they something the area can realistically achieve?*

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<p><b>Creative Scotland</b> The vision, aims and objectives are clear.</p> <p>This is a high level document and there is perhaps less detail on culture than on other areas so difficult to comment on deliverability at this stage.</p> <p>However we welcome the commitment to working with others to develop and Arts Development Plan by 2015. For this document Falkirk might wish to consider a broader scope of arts, culture and creative industries in order to capture more fully their creative, social and economic contribution.</p>	<p><b><i>Will be picked up in the Arts Delivery Plan</i></b></p>
<p><b>Falkirk Sports Council</b> Not sure that under the current budget constraints that the upgrade and new facilities can be achieved.</p>	<p><b><i>Will be picked up in the Sports Delivery Plan</i></b></p>
<p><b>Historic Scotland</b> Yes</p>	<p><b><i>Noted</i></b></p>
<p><b>NHS Forth Valley</b> Yes</p>	<p><b><i>Noted</i></b></p>
<p><b>Sportscotland</b> The vision is very clear at the start of the document, however the aims &amp; objectives are not highlighted until page 29; more than half way through the Strategy. The objectives are not overly clear, and need to be highlighted and made more prominent in the document. There could be more details on the aims and objectives and less information on the context, as it appears to be imbalanced towards context.</p> <p>Whether the aims &amp; objectives are achievable will depend on how effectively they will be resourced and the detail of the delivery plans which are not referenced.</p>	<p><b><i>Will be picked up in the Sports Delivery Plan</i></b></p>
<p><b>Falkirk Indoor Bowling Club</b> Unless the Trust gets involved with the many sporting facilities out with Local Authority ownership it will fail to achieve its aim.</p>	<p><b><i>Will be picked up in the Sports Delivery Plan</i></b></p>

*Q Is the proposed role of partner organisations and stakeholder groups in Strategy delivery sufficiently clear?*

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<p><b>Creative Scotland</b>  The strategy refers to partnership working and funding/ investment from national partner organisations but does not appear to reflect the vitally important contribution played by the artists and the wider creative community. The Strategy could be strengthened by recognising more fully the role of specialists/ practitioners in culture and sport who are key to inspiring and raising ambition in individuals and communities.</p>	<p><b><i>Will be picked up in the Arts Delivery Plan</i></b></p>
<p><b>Falkirk Sports Council</b>  Yes, and the work you are doing is very similar to the work we are currently engaged in relating to Falkirk's Literacy Strategy.</p>	<p><b><i>No action required</i></b></p>
<p><b>Historic Scotland</b>  We support the importance placed upon the close partnership working throughout the draft strategy and welcome the inclusion of the Antonine Wall as an example of a successful partnership project. A key part of this success of this project has been the alignment and partnership working not only between Falkirk Council and national agencies such as Historic Scotland, but also with the other Local Authorities across Central Scotland involved in promoting and managing the Antonine Wall. As such we would suggest a minor amendment on page 39 to reflect this:  <i>A significant partnership for this Strategy is the Antonine Wall partnership which unites Falkirk Council with Historic Scotland and with four other local authorities along the line of the Wall.</i>  As a general point, while the need for close partnership working across a range of organisations comes through clearly from the draft strategy, it may be helpful to pull these out further through the creation of a succinct delivery plan. This could take the form of a single overarching action plan or a suite of delivery plans under each strategic theme. It may also be helpful to phase specific actions over the short, medium and longer term.</p>	<p><b><i>Agree to add to Strategy</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Will be picked up in the Heritage Delivery Plan</i></b></p>
<p><b>NHS Forth Valley</b>  Yes</p>	<p><b><i>No action required</i></b></p>
<p><b>Sportscotland</b>  The role of the partnership organisations is not scoped out within the document.</p>	<p><b><i>Will be picked up the relevant Delivery Plans</i></b></p>

Q Are you / your organisation able to endorse the Strategy?

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<p><b>Creative Scotland</b> Creative Scotland is currently developing its high level ten year overarching plan and a one year plan. We will be going out to consultation on the ten year plan at the end of January 2014 which would provide a helpful context to inform Falkirk's Arts Development Plan. We would be happy to meet Falkirk Council and partners to discuss areas of mutual interest in the Culture and Sport Strategy.</p>	<p><b>Agree a follow up meeting would be helpful.</b> <b>Issues to be addressed in the Arts Delivery Plan</b></p>
<p><b>Falkirk Sports Council</b> Can endorse as the organisation chair but would prefer members to individually respond.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>Historic Scotland</b> Yes</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>NHS Forth Valley</b> Subject to a greater acknowledgement of the employment and inequalities opportunities as above.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p>
<p><b>Sportscotland</b> <b>sportscotland</b> would like would like to see a greater alignment to the national strategy for sport, Reaching Higher, and to our shared priorities as set out in the existing partnership agreement. If the current partnership agreement needs to be amended to better reflect the strategy's objectives the <b>sportscotland</b> are happy to accommodate this discussion.</p>	<p><b>Agree a follow up meeting would be helpful.</b> <b>Issues to be addressed in the Sports Delivery Plan</b></p>
<p><b>Falkirk Indoor Bowling Club</b> Yes we could endorse the strategy but it is strange that this is our first knowledge of what is happening in Falkirk by the Trust and we are submitting this observation after the date you set for replies. How much contact has the Trust made with the many private members clubs who own their facilities. In our case we are a major Indoor Bowling facility with over 600 members, most of whom are over 65 with many in their 80's but we have not been contacted directly. In addition we provide bowling facilities for the disabled. We even have a group of visually impaired bowlers from Edinburgh who use our facilities because Edinburgh Council closed the Indoor bowling stadium at Portobello. The provision of a railway station next to our car park was the deciding factor in coming to Falkirk. There are around 20 private outdoor Bowling clubs and 4 private members golf clubs who could assist in ensuring the strategy is implemented.</p>	<p><b>Engagement opportunities will be scoped for the private club sector to contribute to development of the Sports Delivery Plan</b></p>

Q Are you/ your organisation willing to work collaboratively to develop delivery plans to implement the Strategy objectives?

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<p><b>Creative Scotland</b> Yes</p>	<p><b>No action required</b></p>
<p><b>Falkirk Sports Council</b></p>	<p><b>No action required</b></p>

Yes	
<b>Historic Scotland</b> A wide range of past successes are highlighted throughout the draft strategy and we look forward to collaborating with you in developing and delivering the objectives you have outlined.	<b>No action required</b>
<b>NHS Forth Valley</b> Yes	<b>No action required</b>
<b>sportscotland</b> <b>sportscotland</b> will continue to work collaboratively to support the development of delivery plans that incorporate our shared priorities and outcomes, whilst appreciating that this is a Falkirk Council and Falkirk Community Trust Strategy.	<b>No action required</b>
<b>Falkirk Indoor Bowling Club</b> Yes. I am confident that Falkirk indoor Bowling Club would work collaboratively to develop delivery plans to implement the objectives of the strategy.	<b>No action required</b>

Q Which of the following proposed delivery plan/s would your organisation be interested in being involved in?

	Feedback
• <i>Heritage</i>	<b>Creative Scotland</b> (e.g. to discuss the potential to involve arts development in relation to the Antonine Wall) <b>NHS Forth Valley</b> (in particular the Falkirk area has a strong maritime heritage which is often under rated but could present future employment opportunities for our young people)
• <i>Arts / Public Art</i>	<b>Creative Scotland</b> (suggest referring to arts, culture, creative industries) <b>NHS Forth Valley</b>
• <i>Libraries</i>	<b>CILIPS</b> (holds that the most effective way to support access to knowledge is through sustaining public libraries and professional library services and we would be keen to influence development of the proposed delivery plans for libraries) <b>Creative Scotland</b> (in relation to synergies with national literature developments and agencies) <b>NHS Forth Valley</b>
• <i>Sport</i>	<b>Falkirk Sports Council</b> <b>NHS Forth Valley</b> <b>Sportscotland</b> <b>Falkirk Indoor Bowling Club</b>
• <i>Physical Activity</i>	<b>Creative Scotland</b> (particularly but not exclusively in relation to dance) <b>NHS Forth Valley</b>
• <i>Parks</i>	<b>Creative Scotland</b> (including Arts and environment; arts and public spaces) <b>NHS Forth Valley</b> <b>sportscotland</b> (linked to the work of our facilities team)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Outdoors</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Creative Scotland</b> (as above and to build on learning from national collaborations for Year of Natural Heritage)</p> <p><b>NHS Forth Valley</b></p> <p><b>sportscotland</b> (linked to the work of our facilities team)</p>
<p><i>Historic Scotland commentary in relation to the above.</i></p>	<p>Historic Scotland's primary focus is upon promoting and celebrating the historic environment, although there will often be close links with plans relating to parks and the outdoors more generally. The Cultivating Earth initiative at Callendar Park is an excellent example of where outdoor and cultural connections can be grasped. We would encourage you to consider ways in which community groups could take advantage of similar initiatives, such as the Adopt-a-Monument scheme and Scotland's Urban Past.</p> <p>Historic Scotland is grant funding a five year Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) in Falkirk which will support the development of education outreach and training opportunities relating to heritage for the local community and the local construction sector.</p>

*Q Are you aware of issues or topics that any of the delivery plans should consider?*

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<p><b>CILIPS</b></p> <p>The document acknowledges the area has an unemployment rate above the Scottish and UK average. At a time when one third of Scottish households have no broadband access and the UK government is promoting the aspiration of 'digital by default' some detail on how a statutory library service can meet these challenges and provide opportunities for citizens to access employment, education and online services would be welcome. Any proposed delivery plan for library services should acknowledge and build on the Scottish Government's recognition of the integral role of public libraries in supporting digital participation as set out in its recent progress report.</p> <p>We believe the case studies which feature in the document are likely to limit its currency over the ten year period it covers. From a library perspective it may be more useful to use quotes from service users which support the CarnegieUK study findings and illustrate the value that the community places on its library service and the role professional librarians can play in supporting the development of skills which can contribute to employability and enterprise.</p> <p>COSLA Sports, Arts and Culture Working Group recently declared support for scoping development of a national policy for public libraries based on a vision statement prepared by SLIC. We hope that the final document, where it feature libraries, will be informed by this work which links to the Scottish Governments' strategic objectives and aspirations for Scotland.</p>	<p><b><i>Agree to explore fully in the Libraries Delivery Plan</i></b></p>
<p><b>Creative Scotland</b></p> <p>Some thoughts on interface between arts and cross-cutting agendas relevant to widening access to culture, well-being, learning and preventative spend:</p> <p><i>Time to Shine</i> – Scotland's Youth Arts Strategy</p>	<p><b><i>Will be picked up in the Arts Delivery Plan and overall monitoring of the strategy</i></b></p>

<p><i>ArtWorks Scotland</i> – a national professional development initiative for artists working in participatory settings, one of 5 projects across the UK</p> <p><i>Luminate</i> – Annual Scotland-wide celebration of arts and older people</p> <p><i>Arts and Criminal Justice</i></p> <p>We would be happy to advise on other research and data eg the Economic Contribution Study commissioned by Creative Scotland and Scottish Enterprise. This document sets out a comprehensive picture of the contribution of the Arts and Creative Industries to the wider Scottish economy. The study uses official statistics to estimate employment, turnover and Gross Value Added across 16 creative industries. It also addresses a range of additional, wider economic impacts, including tourism impacts and some of the harder to capture employment related to these industries.</p>	
<p><b><i>Falkirk Sports Council</i></b></p> <p>Not all of the facilities were given over to Falkirk Trust. How are you going to implement the strategy in these facilities and organisations.</p>	<p><b><i>Will be picked up in the Sports Delivery Plan</i></b></p>
<p><b><i>Historic Scotland</i></b></p> <p>We recognise the challenges outlined under theme three relating to venues and asset management and the need to address these requirements both in the context of rising costs and ambitious carbon emission reduction targets. Historic Scotland has been working with a range of partners on both carbon and asset management plans and we would welcome the opportunity to share experiences and good practice in this important area. We would be happy to explore training opportunities in this area.</p> <p>The delivery plan should also explore opportunities to promote and support traditional skills training in the local area. One of the largest threats to local heritage and traditional buildings is the lack of regular maintenance and appropriately skilled craftspeople. Funding through the Falkirk CARS scheme will support the development of education and traditional skills training programmes.</p> <p>In addition, the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) has a strong educational remit and offers a variety of funded programmes which help enthuse and support young people interested in a career in the construction industry. They also have a Construction Ambassador scheme aimed at bringing “role models” working in the construction industry to schools to inspire young people. This could be an additional opportunity for partnership working with the Trust.</p>	<p><b><i>Will be picked up in the Heritage Delivery Plan</i></b></p>
<p><b><i>NHS Forth Valley</i></b></p> <p>The Falkirk area has a strong maritime heritage which is often under rated but could present future employment opportunities for our young people.</p> <p>The Falkirk Children’s Commission is particularly interested in training and employment opportunities for our local Looked After and Accommodated Young People for whom we are all Corporate Parents. I feel the potential for training and employment in leisure, sport, recreation and culture could feature more strongly in the strategy.</p>	<p><b><i>Will be picked up in the Heritage Delivery Plan</i></b></p>
<p><b><i>Sportscotland</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Will be picked up in the</i></b></p>

<p><b>sportscotland</b>, in partnership with Falkirk Council &amp; Falkirk Community Trust, currently resource a number of key programmes locally; this funding is agreed in principle to 2015.</p> <p>Although external partners have been referenced within the Strategy has consideration been given to the role of local partnership e.g. education Services in the delivery of sport and physical activity against the strategy's objectives?</p>	<b>Sports Delivery Plan</b>
<p><b>Falkirk Indoor Bowling Club</b></p> <p>Yes the strategy should be totally inclusive of those clubs and members who operate out with the Council or Trust facilities.</p>	<b>Will be picked up in the Sport Delivery Plan</b>

*Q Do you have any other comments about the Strategy or the proposed delivery plans?*

<b>Feedback</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<p><b>CILPIS</b></p> <p>Although the strategy recognises that changes to the universal benefit system will take place greater demand on the public library service, the opportunity to develop the wider role of libraries in the cultural fabric of the Falkirk community is missed. Instead, the draft, issued in the period preceding Scotland hosting the Commonwealth Games, places a very heavy emphasis on encouraging participation in sport.</p>	<b>The Libraries Delivery Plan should redress the balance.</b>
<p><b>Creative Scotland</b></p> <p>We would welcome further opportunity to discuss the Strategy in relation to arts, culture and creative industries as our own plans will be out to consultation at the end of January 2014 and we will be in a better position then to identify and discuss synergies.</p> <p>Falkirk may wish to consider referencing some of the evidence base for arts, culture and creative industries eg Scottish Government's National Household Survey data for culture, Creative Scotland's Economic Contribution of the Creative Industries in Scotland, role of the arts and cultural participation in the context of criminal justice and we could be happy to advise or help source relevant information.</p>	<b>Offer of assistance welcomed and will be followed up in the development of Arts and Libraries Development Plans</b>
<p><b>Falkirk Sports Council</b></p> <p>This is a very well presented document. However as has happened with so many like these in the past it is the delivery plan and funding that will be hard to achieve. New build is the easy part. Finding funding to upgrade and maintain facilities will as always be the biggest challenge.</p>	<b>Noted</b>
<p><b>Historic Scotland</b></p> <p>We welcome the commitment to view the future of Falkirk Town Hall as a venue in the context of wider regeneration of the town centre. As you will be aware the recent National Town Centre review report has identified a series of recommendations which are likely to be of relevance to this work. These include the need for action to be based on a clear understanding of the health of our town centre and ensuring that investment programmes are aligned to achieve the maximum effect in supporting diversity, enterprise and creativity.</p>	<b>The points will be picked up in wider regeneration discussions and the relevant delivery plans</b>



<p>Finally we support the aspirations outlined within the draft strategy for the local community to promote and develop the Kinneil Estate. Historic Scotland is already working with the Friends of Kinneil group with an aim to increase access to Kinneil House. The Access Strategy and Interpretation Plan for the Antonine Wall, developed in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders including all of the relevant Local Authorities, provides the basis for increasing access to and understanding of the Wall through improved interpretation. As funds become available Historic Scotland, and others, are taking forward the actions identified in that plan. If other delivery plans are proposed consultation with all relevant partners should be undertaken.</p>	
<p><b>NHS Forth Valley</b> Health are strongly committed to joint working within the Community Planning partnership. Has the Draft Strategy been formally discussed within and endorsed by the Community Planning Partnership?</p>	<p><b><i>The CPP will be consulted in due course.</i></b></p>
<p><b>sportscotland</b> Sport could be more strongly positioned within the Strategy and more specifically School Sport &amp; Club Sport could be more prominently positioned. We would be keen to understand more fully the role that clubs will play in the delivery of the strategy and how the delivery plans will work with clubs to develop opportunities locally. There are no specific outcomes aligned to the aims and objectives.</p> <p>Is there sufficient detail in the aims &amp; objectives to translate into the delivery plans to ensure the Strategy is delivered effectively? What will success look like in 2023?</p>	<p><b><i>Will be picked up in the Sports Delivery Plan.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Will be picked in overall monitoring of the Strategy</i></b></p>
<p><b>Falkirk Indoor Bowling Club</b> Meetings should be held with representatives of all sporting groups. I remember this being carried out around 4 or 5 years ago with consultants appointed by Falkirk Council but we did not receive any further meetings on the outcome.</p>	<p><b><i>Engagement and feedback will be part of the process for developing the Sport Delivery Plan</i></b></p>