

West Dunbartonshire Council

1 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must live in their acquired gender for at least 3 months before applying for a GRC?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

West Dunbartonshire Council supports the streamlining and simplifying of the process for citizens are seeking legal gender recognition and also supports a reduction in the period applicants are required to have lived in their acquired gender before submitting an application without offering a view on the specific time period proposed.

2 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must go through a period of reflection for at least 3 months before obtaining a GRC?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

We are supportive of the requirement for a period of reflection and recognise that the simplified process is more supportive of citizens seeking legal gender recognition.

3 Should the minimum age at which a person can apply for legal gender recognition be reduced from 18 to 16?

Yes

If you wish, please give reasons for your view.:

The proposal to lower the age for gender recognition to 16 is in line with other rights afforded to 16 and 17 year olds in Scotland. It would be helpful also to understand the supports and processes in place for those citizens under the age of 16 who wish to seek legal gender recognition.

4 Do you have any other comments on the provisions of the draft Bill?

No

If yes, please outline these comments.:

5 Do you have any comments on the draft Impact Assessments?

No

If yes, please outline these comments.: