

**Q1. Do you agree with the timescales outlined?**

I can only suggest that there may be opportunities for piloting some initiatives in advance of the final strategy being adopted

**Q2. Do you agree with this vision?**

See reply to next question

**Q3. Does the draft vision have the right level of ambition?**

**If not, please offer alternative text or suggestions.**

Not ambitious enough that we seem to be aiming at a reduction rather than an eradication of litter, ok the latter is unachievable but we ought to be aiming at that end of the spectrum

**Q4. Do you think implementation to achieve Good Environmental Status under Descriptor 10 will be sufficient or do you think additional action in Scotland is also necessary?**

Under 2.6 the text mentions "evaluation of management actions and legislation" There ought to be a rigorous examination of the role of local authorities in respect of their actions to tackle litter removal. The context of this scrutiny should be within local community planning, eg in Broughty Ferry we have such a group, but see later about it's current shortcomings. Litter begets litter and LA working practices must correspond with peoples' timescales in their visits to beaches and promenades. There is a thriving "evening economy" which should be encouraged of course and bin provision and emptying should aligne with that. Too often weekends and evenings are ignored because they are outwith normal hours. Beaches/promenades are a great leisure and recreational resource and if this was service delivery in the private sector then it would be very much tailored to people as customers

**Q5. Do you agree that Strategic Directions are a suitable way of outlining action under the Strategy?**

The anti-litter message in general should be covered under the TLFS strategy. Marine litter from terrestrial sources is an offshoot of that. Bins should be emptied timeously wherever they are and we are recommending a "smart" approach to identifying hotspots or surges of litter through a "citizen science" approach whereby trained volunteers are equipped with GPS enabled cameras to give real time information back to the "anti-litter H/Q" wherever that may be eg a multi subject call centre or such like

**Q6. Do you agree with the list of strategic directions?**

**If not, how would you reword them or what would you add?**

We don't think the low carbon message, important as it is in general, fits here.

SD 4 is paramount; there is a robust analytical methodology already in place for beach litter ie MCS's Beachwatch. Maybe more training of volunteers is required to ensure a high standard of surveying, coupled with an official recognition that these surveys are very valuable for effective management and policy making. One of our "photos" shows a regional analysis of beaches from Dundee up past Montrose which is a very good comparator. It clearly draws attention to the SRD problem at Broughty East (

We believe that public domain reporting of CSO discharges should be mandatory. A recent excessive bacterial contamination failure at Monifieth beach which may have occurred as a result of CSO discharge would not have entered the public consciousness had we not gone to local press about it); and the excessive litter, especially discarded fishing lines at Auchmithie and neglected beaches such as Easthaven and Arbroath Harbour. We will be doing the same again with this year's Beachwatch results locally

**Q7. What are your views on the possible actions?**

We've got to get down to definite actions when we can

**Q8. Which do you believe is the most important possible action in**

**helping to deliver the Marine Litter Strategy?**

Be serious about Community Planning esp Local CP Partnerships. We have a local Beach "Management" Group but it does not devolve management, incl budgetting, staff remits and working hours, it pays lip service to the concept so it misses capturing the potential for community involvement which is out there in communities. Sufficient people are proud of their beaches to ensure recruitment of litter spotters. The local newspaper article attached earlier about hi-tech litter spotting is such a good idea but it is not getting the support it needs at local level. This reinforces our view that the recent Scottish Government judgement that Community Planning Partnerships are not delivering significant outcomes is spot on; they are seriously lacking in taking the initiative

**Q9. Can one or more of these possible actions be delivered under existing activities or do you think more action is needed under the Marine Litter Strategy?**

Yes to former

**Q10. What are your views on the possible actions?**

**Q11. Which do you believe is the most important possible action in helping to deliver the Marine Litter Strategy?**

Joined up holistic approach to litter disposal, see Broughty Ferry Case Study outline. The local authorities are coy about admitting they cannot cope on their own. Departments are very protective and defensive

**Q12. Can one or more of these possible actions be delivered under existing activities or do you think more action is needed under the Marine Litter Strategy?**

**Q13. Do you think any of the existing actions need to be improved?**

Producer ie traders' responsibility for consumer packaging items such as pizza boxes  
**If so, please provide details.**