
CLIMATE CHANGE BOARD UPDATE & DE-CARBONISATION TRACKER

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 Argyll and Bute Council has been addressing climate change themes for over 7 years through its well established Climate Change Board. There has been a notable reduction in the overall carbon emissions generated by the Council in the past 5 years ±reducing by over a third ±through its De-Carbonisation Plan. Whilst our region is well placed in terms of overall natural assets and relative low number of carbon emitting sources a great deal of work still needs to be done to achieve Net Zero obligations by 2030 and 2045 plus become resilient for effects of more severe weather events and sea level rises in coming years.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to summarise and highlight some of the main activities of the Climate Change Board over the previous quarter.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Policy and Resources Committee are asked to note and consider the updates contained at Section 5 of the report

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Appendix

Appendix A ±Climate Change Tracker ±December 2022

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				<p>the various Services that currently purchase SUP products consider whether these products are essential or if there is a potential alternative that would meet the Service requirements, prior to orders being placed via PECOS or contacting the Procurement, Commercial and Contract Management Team (PCCMT) for a procurement process to be carried out. Note and consider that the Sustainable Procurement Policy will be updated to reflect the Climate Change Board desire to limit SUP where possible – proposed wording has been included in the current draft version for 2022/23, and will be updated as follows in</p>

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				Some products already changed and others under review.
W4 – Extend and explore pre-ordering for school food to reduce food waste	(L) Commercial Services and Education	Evidence of extension of pre-ordering & food waste reduction	Project funded and solution procured	Project Team currently implementing this, with full project end date estimated as March 2023.
E1 – Deliver Renewable Sourcing Strategy 2	(L) Commercial Services	Adoption of Strategy	RSS2 consultancy work funding to be confirmed; expectation is that project implementation will be through combinations of prudential borrowing (subject to business case approvals) and/or external funding.	RSS2 next stage development work includes specification development and preparation of in AMCID 9580.25 f1 0 0 1 t

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E4 – Delivery of Water Efficiency Audits across our Estate	(L) Commercial Services	Evidence of delivery of projects	Feasibility work being absorbed within existing approved budgets. Individual works items are generally small scale and it is proposed to utilise existing approved budgets where possible.	maintenance contract later in financial year 2022/2023. Significant Council wide asset

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E6 – Complete LED streetlight replacement programme	(L) Roads and Infrastructure Services	Evidence of delivery of projects	Fully funded through prudential borrowing	Contractors have now commenced works in the Lorn

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T2 – Develop a vehicle routing system that will reduce road miles for operations	(L) Roads and Infrastructure Services	Evidence of delivery of projects	Part for current financial year	council operates 14% of its Fleet with the new technology. The Council 33 0.EMC ref*EMC ,

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			Ultimately the cost recovery model	comprehensive year-end report will go to EDI in December summarising the current position. The next key stage is securing enough external funding and/or agreeing a delivery model – self delivery supported by business case, concession model or leasing sites, or a mixture of the three. A high level analysis of possible delivery options will also be contained in the year-end report.
T4 – Support Digital by Default theme Service Review & Recovery				

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			<p>shaped to fit with external funders' aspirations and requirements. However, at present these are the only available source(s) of potential funding to deliver active travel improvements.</p>	<p>health benefits and can increase accessibility to essential services, education, employment, retail and leisure. Walking and cycling are lower cost travel modes and, if they are a viable option, can help households reduce their reliance on private cars, particularly multiple car households.</p> <p>No Council funding is currently expended on genuine Active Travel work, with all costs, including internal staff costs (1.7FTE), having to be funded via successfully securing external challenge funds. As all active travel work is currently reliant on securing external funding, therefore the projects which are progressed are those which can successfully secure external challenge funding.</p> <p>Argyll and Bute Active Travel Strategy: It is recommended the Committee instruct Officers to develop an Argyll and Bute Active Travel Strategy</p>

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				<p>a Council Staff Travel Plan. This is due to (a) requirement to make best use of limited internal staff capacity; and, (b) the ongoing uncertainty of longer-term staff profiles and bases. Staff Travel Plans focus on staff to make it easier and preferable for staff to choose to walk, cycle, use public transport or car share to commute to work or for work journeys, or use economical pool vehicles for work journeys. A travel plan should encourage staff to choose the most economical and least environmentally damaging travel mode. Engagement will be required with services which manage staff in buildings and/or council buildings as this</p>

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				<p>Training to A&BC Elected Members and Senior Council Officers.</p> <p>ACT has a submitted bid to the Community Led Local Development Fund to procure community engagement resources to support a regional natural capital strategy.</p> <p>ACT working with NatureScot, Forest and Land Scotland and private landowners in Knapdale area to improve and extend Rainforest in Knapdale area. Development bid has been submitted to Nature Restoration fund.</p>
<p>COMM1- Develop and deliver Communications Plan to support Decarbonisation Plan</p>	<p>(L) Climate Change Board and Communications Team</p>	<p>Delivery of Communications Plan</p>	<p>Part of Communications Support</p>	<p>We continue to promote actions the council is taking, and actions that others can</p>

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