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**CLIMATE CHANGE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP - SKYPE on MONDAY, 9
NOVEMBER 2020 at 2:00 PM**

I enclose herewith **item 4 (Climate Change Environmental Action Group – Decarbonisation Plan)** which was marked to follow on the Agenda for the above meeting.

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Agenda Item 4

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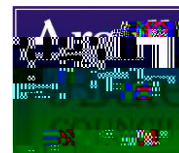
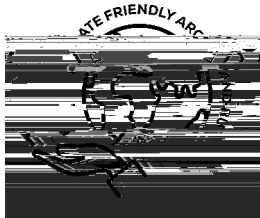
Our Vision and Aims

In Argyll and Bute Council we already have much to be proud of when it comes to addressing the causes and effects of climate change. For example, the Council's Climate Change Board has been in existence since 2017 and coordinates activities of the Council and key partners that have reduced CO₂ equivalent output by over 4,000 tonnes per annum in the past 4 years alone.

Now in 2020, we are only 10 years away from the interim target set by Scottish Government via the Climate Change (Emissions Reductions Target) (Scotland) Bill to reduce greenhouse gases by 75% by 2030 (with a target of net-zero emissions by 2045). These are ambitious targets that require all sectors to contribute and it is recognised that the public sector will play a key leadership and 'leading by example' role. We will continue to work with COSLA and emerging national groups to shape our activities in this regard.

The Scottish Government also declared a 'Climate Emergency' in May 2019 and the Programme for Government announced on 3rd September 2019 and 2020

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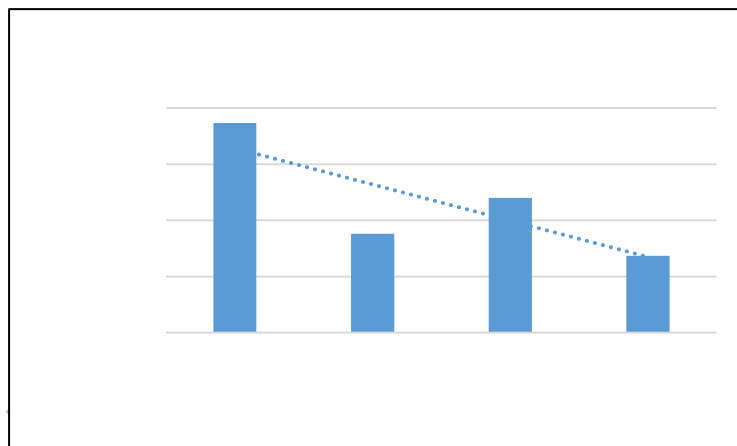


Our Carbon Footprint

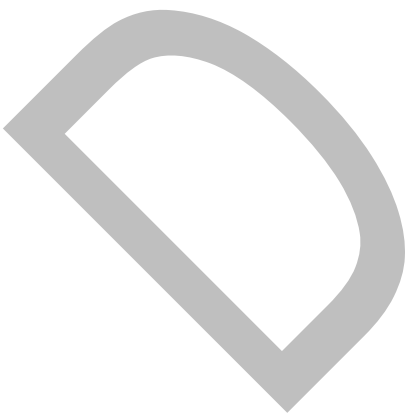
As a business, the Council own over 300 buildings, run hundreds of vehicles including cars, buses, ferries and bin lorries and runs multiple services like disposing of municipal waste. All of these assets and activities generate greenhouse gas emissions which are harmful to the environment and contribute towards climate change.

In order to achieve maximum impact from our Decarbonisation Plan it is first essential to understand our Carbon Footprint. This will allow resources and activities to be targeted towards the most beneficial actions that will reduce emissions.

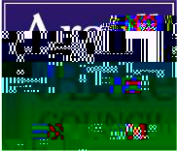
Actions of the Climate Change Board have already set a positive downwards trend of emissions but an accelerated and targeted action is required to meet the ambitious targets by 2030 and 2045. Given that some projects and activities will be large scale and require investment and lead in time it is essential to plan for these as early as possible.



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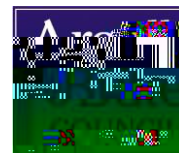
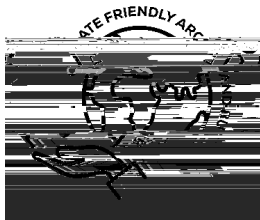


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Offset our emissions through partnership and innovation

Argyll and Bute benefits from outstanding natural assets and opportunities exist for carbon capture in peatland restoration, tree planting and other forms of

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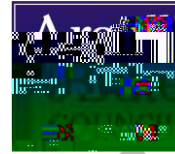


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