

Climate Change Environmental Action Group Activity Plan Update

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 At the first meeting of the Climate Change & Environmental Action Group (CCEAG) an Activity Plan was agreed and at subsequent meetings it had been updated following discussion with the group. The plan was also approved at the December 2019 Policy & Resources Committee.
- 1.2 As outlined in previous agenda item *Impact of Covid19 on climate change* the Council has had to respond to the global emergency and resource has been redirected from delivering items on the original Activity Plan. Indeed, for several months the Climate Change Board and CCEAG had been suspended and resources focused on addressing critical pandemic matters. This is the first calling of the CCEAG since the Covid19 response and lockdown and it is therefore important to review and reset the workplan based on current situation and resources available. This report aims to record what has been achieved thus far in the Activity Plan, to stimulate discussion about achievable priorities and also map out future workstreams that can be delivered within timescale.

to be reviewed or original target date for completion has already passed.

- 3.2 As discussed at previous CCEAG there is also a recognised importance of involving other stakeholders such as businesses, community groups, third sector, professional bodies and other public sector organisations in our Climate journey. The Council cannot address climate change in isolation. There were planned workshops and engagement with such groups however given social distancing and restrictions on movements its relevant to consider online or technology to communicate rather than face to face. This may also bring new or improved opportunities for interaction with groups.
- 3.3 Notwithstanding this, the Covid19 situation has also meant that the Council needs to re-set its own priorities and commitments to climate change and it is considered timely by officers that a new de-carbonisation plan should form the basis of this (Agenda item 4 specifically refers to this). Such a plan would allow solid foundations and consistent vision for Planning.
- 3.4 Members are asked to review and agree the updated Activity Plan outlined at **Appendix 1**.

## 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

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| 5.1 Policy:                               | Commitment to activities as outlined in plan. |
| 5.2 Financial:                            | None at present beyond officer resource.      |
| 5.3 Legal:                                | None at present                               |
| 5.4 HR:                                   | None at present                               |
| 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:                 | None at present                               |
| 5.6 Equalities protected Characteristics: | None at present                               |
| 5.7 Socio-economic Duty:                  | None at present.                              |
| 5.8 Islands                               | None at present                               |
| 5.6 Risk:                                 | None at present                               |
| 5.7 Customer Service:                     | None at present.                              |

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**PROPOSED SLWG ACTIVITY PLAN - 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

ACTION	RESOURCE	ORIGINAL TIMEFRAME	REVIEW COMMENT
<b>Council Policy</b>			
1. Collate existing Council policy and corporate policy approach to address climate change matters for Members to note and consider;	All members of Climate Change Board including Economic Development, Procurement, Planning Department, Roads & Infrastructure, Property Services	January 2020	Complete to original timeframe
2. Consider the implications/opportunities of Government policy and legislation in relation to addressing Climate Change; a. Respond to SG Consultation	Climate Change Board	Ongoing Feedback from SG Consultation = January 2020	Complete to original timeframe. Scottish Government has now pushed their update on monitoring & evaluation timeframe back to May 2021 due to Covid19. Some guidance has been produced such as consultation responses & Just Transition Commission: Advice on Green Recovery
3. annual climate change submission to Scottish Government and other performance indicators in compliance with the Climate Change Act;	Climate Change Board  Specific briefing notes on:- Waste / BMW Carbon Impacts; Renewable Energy Strategy & Windfarms	January 2020	Completed to original timeframe
4. Hold informal workshop with wider range of officers to facilitate	Officers from Climate Change Board	March 2020	Completed to original timeframe

ACTION	RESOURCE	ORIGINAL TIMEFRAME	REVIEW COMMENT
discussion around policy & indicators	Planning Flood Risk Transport Waste Building Operations Procurement Education		
<b>Council Business</b>			

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<p>9. Encourage effective partnership working across all community planning partners in relation to the impacts of climate change;</p>	<p>SLWG and Community Planning</p>	<p>Item on agenda for discussion at December 2020 CPP management committee meeting then ongoing</p>	<p>and further workshop scheduled. New mapping exercise of climate change activities and groups to be mapped by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 undertaken by Community Development Team + ACT.</p> <p>In 2021 seek further engagement (virtually and face to face depending on social distancing)</p>
<p>10. Promote Argyll and Bute as a low carbon area and to develop and seek additional investment for green infrastructure including renewables, environmental and biodiversity business to develop;</p>	<p>Climate Change Board / Economic Development</p>		



<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESOURCE</b>	<b>ORIGINAL TIMEFRAME</b>	<b>REVIEW COMMENT</b>
16. Governance Once updated Activity Plan has been agreed report back to Policy & Resources Committee, Business Continuity Committee or Full Council in October	Committee Services	New Action	To approve amended timescales