

The cost of a Project Manager post is estimated to be in the region of £120,000 over two years, which would include the salary of an appropriately qualified climate leader, associated employer costs, T&S costs, etc.

Subsequent to previous calls for funding contributions, we had two firm contributions from partners:

£20,000 NHS Highland - Argyll & Bute Health and Social Care Partnership
£50,000 Argyll and Bute Council

We have also the following bids in with the following organisations and are awaiting news on the success or otherwise of these bids:

£15,000 NatureScot

Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI) are also supportive of the proposal in principle and are exploring funding opportunities.

2.3 Progress

The Climate Change working Group decided to start the project with the budget we currently have.

The finalisation of the Memorandum of Agreement between the CPP and the hosting body (Argyll Countryside Trust) is now complete, which was required to establish the governance arrangements.

The Project Manager post is now advertised and can be viewed here:

<https://www.act-now.org.uk/news/new-climate-change-action-project-manager-vacancy>

3.0 Summary

1. We propose producing a strategic Action Plan process as the best, and most thorough, way to address the climate emergency in Argyll and Bute.
2. We have an approved governance arrangement for the Climate Change Project Manager post.
3. We are actively pursuing the recruitment of a Project Manager to start this Action Plan work and hope to have someone in post shortly, once we have completed the recruitment processes.

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