

Table of suggestions submitted through the Climate Change Strategy public consultation, with responses.

Suggestions fall under 3 key themes

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Leadership

No	Suggestion	Response
1	Attempting to create more grassroots eco-business opportunities. For example, in Moray we have very little shops that consumers can take along their own containers to reduce plastics consumption. Could Moray Council be involved in supporting local business to adopt more eco-friendly methods? And create a platform where business can collaborate and share innovative ideas on becoming greener?	Business Gateway help all start-up businesses, there is a proposed business hub as part of the growth deal which will strengthen learning and opportunity and ability for new companies to network, opportunities for more "green" businesses are expected to increase.
2	Immediately revising the Business Improvement plan so that it is not prioritising aviation, aerospace (high carbon emitters) and only supports Green tourism... etc. etc.	There is a growing opportunity in terms of "green" business, but it cannot replace existing economic opportunities or business overnight, all business will have to transition to lower carbon technology and contribute to mitigating climate change and Moray has the opportunity to support growth and the transition of existing business.
3	Collaborate with Findhorn Ecovillage in pursuing the same CN2030 target.	The Council commitment is to be Carbon neutral by 2030, in doing so it will work with a variety of community partners.
4	Data - make climate data more publicly available via social media outlets. I certainly would embed this data into my learning and teaching of climate change -local impacts/strategies.	The climate change data for the Council is reported and published annually
5	Education and information on insulation, efficient fuel systems, assistance etc.	The strategy includes an action that embeds climate change in the curriculum
6	Skilling up the workforce in green building methods and technology, then establishing a local organisation dedicated to eco-building and retrofitting.	Skilling up the workforce for green jobs is part of the Scottish Government climate change strategy and will for part of the local delivery of skills from a variety of local organisations. We can expect stronger Building Standards and better building design and build becoming the norm.

7	Visits to local reuse projects are also a great way to inform the local community about climate change and how small changes in public behaviour can immediately make a difference in reducing carbon emissions.	Individual organisations can arrange for community visits on their own premises.
8	Education - Commit to making the new Learning for Sustainability agenda from Education Scotland a core of Moray's climate change vision. Work with the ICT providers to move moray schools to fully BYOD (bring your own device). And improve ICT provision in schools to encourage paperless learning. But equally promote sustainable digital literacy to pupils and staff e.g., deleting emails regularly and keeping servers/shared electronic workspaces as clutter free as possible to prevent wasted energy consumption on storage.	Embedding climate Change in the curriculum is already an action in the Climate Change Strategy and the approach to ICT provision in schools is under review
9	All housing and commercial developments should be required to have underground heat source installations, solar panels, and mini-turbines. All new large farm buildings should have solar panels.	The Local Development Plan 2020 includes policies on renewables for new builds.
10	All new housing to incorporate modern technologies in building materials and renewable energy systems installed	The Local Development Plan 2020 includes policies on renewables for new builds. We can expect improvements in Building Standards requirements to meet climate change challenges.
11	More support for homeowners to improve insulation etc. in their homes.	Grant schemes of this nature are generally provided for through Government funding.
12	Provide incentives to ALL home-owners (not just low income) to increase insulation, replace inefficient heating systems, install or replace double-glazing.	Grant schemes of this nature are generally provided for through Government funding.
13	Immediately scaling up public transport and car sharing options.	Moray Growth Deal includes the Bus Revolution project which seeks to address rural public transport issues.
14	Introduce more cycle lanes, cycle paths and one-way systems to discourage car use in towns and encourage walking & cycling to work, school & leisure activities.	Moray Local Development Plan 2020 includes policies for active travel, master planning for town centres is being undertaken and will consider Carbon and active travel.
15	Better/affordable bus services when we need them - not just Monday to Saturday and no evenings.	Moray Growth includes the Bus Revolution project which seeks to address rural public transport issues.
16	Central government grants towards electric vehicles, extend safe cycle paths to all towns, enhanced cycle to work scheme for all	Moray Local Development Plan 2020 includes policies for active travel, master planning for town centres is being undertaken and will consider Carbon and active travel. Subsidising electric vehicles

		or cycle schemes is a matter for Government.
17	Charge ALL users of Council car parks (as opposed to public car parks run by the Council) including Councillors.	Parking is essentially provided to enable safe on and off-street parking, charging is not a simple solution to discourage car use as it could lead to irresponsible on street parking.
18	Cycle paths +++ For the local population, not just tourist hubs. Covering schools, Dr Grays, Health centres, town centres and places of employment.	Moray Local Development Plan 2020 includes policies for active travel, master planning for town centres is being undertaken and will consider Carbon and active travel.
19	Strict policy of schools only allowing catchment children so walking to school is the normal to cut down the queue of cars at school drop off. Closing the roads around schools at start and end of day to discourage car users.	Control of school catchment areas and placements is set out in legislation and the Council must work within the legislation. Closure of roads and other traffic control measures are considered where appropriate.
20	Provide physical incentives to individuals who can demonstrate their use of cycle to work, walk to work / school, reduced car use, etc by way of discount vouchers for outdoor shops, cycle shops and leisure centres.	Such incentives can help to encourage behaviour change, they can often work well when they incorporate local benefits and shops within the scheme, this would require individual communities and networks considering the scheme and benefits to their neighbourhoods and shops. This can be added to the actions within the strategy
21	Improved cycle paths, changing facilities for staff,	The Transport section of the Council continually seek improvements in the cycle path network. This will also be considered in the town centre masterplan process
22	Improving cycle infrastructure and encouraging people to cycle to work	The Transport section of the Council continually seek improvements in the cycle path network. This will also be considered in the town centre masterplan process
23	Increase capacity for electric charging points (although I am aware this is already an action point).	This is an action point in the strategy.
24	Less emphasis on electric vehicles, they are going to be limited due to generating capacity and the weight of batteries. What other fuels have been looked at?	Proposal to consider the Council fleet will include consideration of alternative fuels such as Hydrogen.
25	to push more for bikes by introducing more bike lanes etc to encourage people not to drive as much	This is an action point in the strategy.
26	upgrade A95 & 96 to dual carriageway. Have trains stop (on request) @ disused Stations.	The A96 dualling is a Scottish Government Commitment, the Council has lobbied for improvements to the A95 but as a trunk road it is the responsibility of the Transport Scotland.

27	Accelerated implementation of electric car chargers. All council vehicles being electric. Recycling depots in all towns, & free to use.	Already an action in the strategy
28	Implement further tax breaks within the cycle-to-work scheme and make it easier for employers to administer them.	a matter for Government not the Council as we do not control this tax.
29	Small fuel-efficient public transport connecting large employers to communities at appropriate shift times.	Bus revolution project is part of Moray Growth Deal
30	Could Moray Council liaise with NHS Grampian to raise awareness of reducing waste to young families/parenting groups and family support groups? E.g., last year the PEEP group I attend Ed after the birth of my son provided little to no support on using reusable cloth nappies, reusable baby cloth wipes as an alternative to plastic baby wipes, or clothing swap banks - all community-based projects that can make a small long-term impact to reduce waste and energy consumption.	The Council already carries out a programme of waste awareness
31	Create more user-friendly info graphics on recyclable goods e.g. types of plastics etc. But more importantly promote overall reduced plastic use.	The Council already carries out a programme of waste awareness
32	Recycling depots in all towns, & free to use.	Placement of depots is part of the overall waste strategy, creating more depots will not necessarily reduce waste or carbon, but will increase collection costs for the Council
33	Support existing local reuse organisations. These organisations work effectively in the hierarchy of waste. Reuse does come before recycling and is the most simple way to reduce carbon emissions.	The Council does work with local reuse organisations.
34	Provide more in-village recycling bins & skips to discourage travel to re-cycling centres, e.g., Garmouth has good facilities but Fochabers & Mosstodloch have next to none	Placement of depots is part of the overall waste strategy, creating more depots will not necessarily reduce waste or carbon, but will increase collection costs for the Council
35	Afforestation projects - simply plant more trees and actively promote business to do so. Equally get the public on board. Can the council attempt media campaigns that co-inside with Earth Week (or something along those lines) to provide generic information on how individuals can reduce their co2 emissions?	The draft regional spatial strategy acknowledges the importance of the forestry sector and the need to expand woodland in Moray
36	Encouraging (forcing?) large land-owners who keep their land in degraded, green-desert condition to instead use the land to actively encourage biodiversity and natural habitats.	The draft regional spatial strategy considers land use to combat climate change including peatland restoration where appropriate.

37	High quality insulation & solar panels in all new builds, tree planting a must on all new housing developments.	The Local Development Plan 2020 has appropriate policies for renewables and green spaces in all new builds.
38	Increase green space	The Local Development Plan 2020 has appropriate policies for renewables and green spaces in all new builds.
39	All new developments must have cycle paths walkways to town centre.....	The Local Development Plan 2020 has appropriate policies for connecting places and active travel.

Indirect contracts/influence

1	Immediately moving the council pensions so that no money is invested in fossil fuel supporting companies.	The Council is one partner in the pension scheme, although we can seek to influence investment strategies it is a matter for the pension fund to determine the investment strategy.
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Direct

1	A home working network with interconnectivity and accessibility to reduce the need for transport.	As a result of COVID 19 homeworking has become possible for a significant number of staff, the benefits of that change should not be lost as we come out of the pandemic.
2	Make stores keep their temperatures down - staff are running around in their shirt-sleeves while customers are sweating in their outdoor clothes. Cut down your own office temperatures, all your buildings are like hot-houses. (including the schools).	Temperatures within Council buildings are controlled to meet the needs of the occupants.
3	Reduce heating in buildings such as schools,	Heating in schools is controlled to maintain suitable temperatures for learning.
4	Phasing in of electric vehicles for council use. Reduction of speed limits. Cycle paths cycle paths cycle paths. CONNECTING communities.	This is an action within the strategy

5	Concerted strategies for waste management and strategies to protect and enhance the natural environment.	The plans and strategies for waste have been developed and are being delivered with the building of the energy recovery facility in Aberdeen and continued high levels of recycling. Biodiversity and environmental protection are incorporated within the Moray Local Development Plan 2020
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