



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD 28 APRIL 2021

SUBJECT: CLIMATE CHANGE

BY: HEAD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the Community Planning Partnership of the work on climate change.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Community Planning Partnership consider and agree the proposals in para 3.10 to 3.13.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Moray Council approved a Climate Change Strategy on 10 March 2021 giving a commitment to be Carbon Neutral by 2030.
- 3.2 A copy of the Climate Change Strategy is available on the Council's website <http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file136442.pdf>
The covering report which explains work ongoing to develop the Action Plan to accompany the strategy was presented to the [Moray Council on 10 March 2021](#)
- 3.3 Climate Change duties on the public sector, ambitions for net zero and transitions from fossil fuels to more renewables and alternative transport methods will impact across all sectors of our communities.
- 3.4 Climate Change is a critical issue for community planning partners to deliver on, however in terms of the LOIP which focuses on reducing inequality and poverty, climate Change is one of many factors and as such does not directly feature in the LOIP as a specific theme, although it is recognised that it will have a bearing on aspects of the LOIP such as poverty including fuel poverty, access to affordable transport etc.

- 3.5 There are a number of areas like climate change where partners will be working together and will wish some form of update to be given to the Community Planning Board but which sit outside the LOIP including criminal justice, Moray Growth Deal and others and in these areas periodic reports may be provided to the Board.
- 3.5 Partners incorporating changes in service to meet climate change targets will also have to consider inclusivity, equality, access, impacts on poverty and those issues and communities highlighted within the LOIP.
- 3.7 There is a clear ambition and passion across business, third sector, public sector and community groups to actively work towards net zero carbon and meet Scottish Government targets on Climate Change.
- 3.8 A Climate Change Assembly has been established through TSI Moray to help coordinate some of this wider activity and provide an element of leadership across all sectors and this is welcomed.
- 3.9 Community Planning Partners have their own commitments and roles to play within the Climate Change agenda. HIE for example will be aligning investment and programmes to support green recovery and transition to net zero, encouraging the private sector in their transition and have £800k to support green jobs, developing case studies and accelerating their own actions to become net zero.

Proposals

- 3.10 The Public Sector has an annual Climate Change reporting duty. It is proposed that a collated report for Moray should be provided to the Community Planning Board annually if partners are willing to work with Moray Council climate change team to assist with this collation.
- 3.11 Community Planning Partners may wish to consider their participation in the Climate Change Assembly to share activities and support collective leadership on this important issue across all sectors.
- 3.12 Community Planning Partners may wish to consider their own carbon neutral commitments to see if they can match the ambition shown by Moray Council to be carbon neutral by 2030.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The report seeks a commitment for Community Planning Partners to collaborate in preparing an consolidated annual report for the partnership based on the statutory annual climate change reporting for the PublicSector.
- 4.2 Partners are asked if they want to participate in the Moray climate Change Assembly and to consider their own commitments in terms of becoming carbon neutral.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Climate change is a significant challenge facing the public and private sector that will bring about impacts in the society and the economy. Although climate change does not feature as a theme within the LOIP some impacts may disproportionately effect the most disadvantaged in our community and service providers will need to be aware of the impacts of transition on different sectors within the Community as well as their own overall carbon reduction targets.**

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