



REPORT TO: MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC SECTOR CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES REPORTING
SUBMISSION 2022/23**

BY: CHIEF OFFICER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1. To present the draft Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) Climate Change Duties Report submission for 2022/23.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1. It is recommended that the Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) consider and approve the draft Public Sector Climate Change submission to Sustainable Scotland Network (Appendix 1) for the reporting year 2022/23.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 introduced targets and legislation to reduce Scotland's emissions by at least 80% by 2025.

3.2. Section 44 of the Act places duties on public bodies relating to climate change and requires them to;

- Contribute to the delivery of the Act's emissions reduction targets
- Contribute to climate change adaptation, and
- Act sustainably

3.3 Following public consultation and parliamentary scrutiny a Statutory Order under section 46 of the Act came into force in November 2015. This Order contains a list of public bodies required to annually report on compliance with the climate change duties. These 'major players' listed in the Order were expected to submit their reports to the Scottish Government for 1 April 2015, 31 March 2016, 30 November 2016 and annually thereafter.

3.4 Integration Authorities were required to provide annual reports for the first time in November 2017, and annually thereafter. These annual reports have been approved by the Board prior to submission to Sustainable Scotland Network.

4. KEY MATTERS RELEVANT TO RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1. The report attached (**Appendix 1**) is required to be submitted to the Scottish Government by 30 November 2023.
- 4.2. The content of the report is limited given the fact that MIJB do not own any property or vehicles and do not develop the policy surrounding the use of fuel, procurement, transport, energy, waste, ICT, property and infrastructure. Staff follow those policies which are developed within the employing organisation, either NHS Grampian or Moray Council.
- 4.3. The principle areas of that the MIJB and managers can influence is the development of culture of environmental awareness, including climate change impact and ensuring that policies are adhered to, for example;
- To reduce travelling time to meetings & visits to Service Users where possible. During 2022/23 staff continued to make use of video conferencing, saving on both travelling time, costs and emissions. Microsoft Teams continued to facilitate good communication networks whilst staff remain working remotely or at home.
 - Continued use of existing ICT applications, for example, Attend Anywhere, impacts on the reduction of travel for staff/patients and service users across Moray.
 - The use of recycling bins and appropriate bins for clinical waste etc., impacts on the reduction of waste where possible.
 - Many staff vacancies are offered with an option to work with a hybrid approach. This reduces travel costs, emissions and allows staff to work in more remote areas, whilst working within Moray.

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP)) and Moray Integration Joint Board Strategic Plan “Partners in Care 2022 – 2032”

As defined within Moray Integration Scheme values and meeting the Strategic Aims contained within the MIJB Strategic Plan 2022-2023.

(b) Policy and Legal

None directly associated with this report.

(c) Financial implications

None directly associated with this report.

(d) Risk Implications and Mitigation

None directly associated with this report.

(e) Staffing Implications

None directly associated with this report.

- (f) **Property**
None directly associated with the report.
- (g) **Equalities/Socio Economic Impact**
As this is a performance monitoring report, an Equality Impact Assessment is not required. This report does not deal with actions which may impact adversely on groups with protected characteristics.
- (h) **Climate Change and Biodiversity Impacts**
Impacts detailed in section 4.3 of the report and in **Appendix 1**.
- (i) **Directions**
None directly associated with the report.
- (j) **Consultations**
Consultation on this report has taken place with Moray SMT, who are in agreement with the content of this report.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1. This report recommends that the MIJB consider and approve the draft submission (Appendix 1) to the Sustainable Scotland Network.

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