



## Your Moray

**REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON 17 MAY 2023**

**SUBJECT: CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE**

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### **1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1. To update the Board on recent developments in the Council's Climate Change Plan, Route Map to Net Zero and as regards Biodiversity.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1. **That the Board consider and note the developments in Climate Change including biodiversity.**

### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. The Board has requested periodic updates on work undertaken by Moray Council on climate change, noting that whilst the net zero target by 2030 applies to the Council's emissions, the Climate Change Strategy and declaration also set out steps to work with others across the Community Planning Partnership to deliver net zero.
- 3.2. On 2 May 2023 the Council's Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee considered updates relative to the Route Map to Net Zero including the accompanying Action Plan, as well as a Position Statement on Biodiversity. These reports (with their appendices) are produced as **appendices 1 and 2** to the report.
- 3.3. Key points relative to the Strategy and Routemap are challenges in progressing along a pathway that will deliver net zero by 2030, good progress on actions meantime, a new Climate Change Engagement Strategy and work to prepare for the 2025 review of progress. Key points relative to the Biodiversity Position Statement are action to align council activities to national and international policy within available resources and continuing support for the North East Biodiversity Partnership for the next three years.

#### **4. FURTHER RECENT DEVELOPMNTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

- 4.1** As tsiMoray are keypartners on climate action in Moray, they have been invited to contribute an update to this report, tsiMoray's proposal for a Moray Climate Action Hub, attached as **Appendix 3**, was submitted to the relevant team at Scottish Government and assessed by the Community Climate Action Advisory Board on 26 April. Feedback has now been received and the application will be resubmitted in the coming weeks to provide further information and greater clarity on the points the Advisory Board asked to be addressed. tsiMoray will continue to engage with all stakeholders as our work on this progresses.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1** As the Council and partners work towards net zero, our approach and progress must be kept under review and the routemap and action plan have been updated accordingly, with a Position Statement developed on Biodiversity. Positive progress has also been made with the Moray Climate Action Hub.

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