



REPORT TO: MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2021

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC SECTOR CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES REPORTING
SUBMISSION 2020/21**

BY: CHIEF OFFICER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 To present the draft Moray Integration Joint Board (MIJB) Climate Change Duties Report submission for 2020/21.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the MIJB consider and approve the draft submission to Sustainable Scotland Network (APPENDIX 1) for the reporting year 2020/21.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 introduced targets and legislation to reduce Scotland's emissions by at least 80% by 2050.

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

- contribute to 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 contained 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 to 31 March 2016 by 30 November 2016 and annually thereafter. Both Moray Council and NHS Grampian have fulfilled these requirements.

3.4 Integration Authorities were required to provide annual reports for the first time in November 2017 and this was approved by this Board on 14 December 2017 (para 7 of the minute refers).

4. KEY MATTERS RELEVANT TO RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The report attached in **APPENDIX 1** is required to be submitted to the Scottish Government by 30 November 2021.
- 4.2 The content is limited because 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. The policies that are followed by staff are developed by the employing organisation, either Moray Council or NHS Grampian.
- 4.3 The principle areas that the MIJB and managers can influence is the development of a culture of environmental awareness including climate change impacts and ensuring that policies are adhered to appropriately, for example:-
- to reduce their travelling to meetings & service user contacts where possible. During 2020/21 staff continued to make greater use of video conferencing, saving both time and costs associated with travelling. Significant progress in this area has arisen as a result of the introduction of Microsoft Teams in NHS Grampian and Moray Council which has facilitated staff being able to communicate whilst continuing to work from home.
 - continued use of existing ICT applications such as Attend Anywhere for reducing travel for staff/patients/service users within Moray.
 - reducing waste where possible and ensuring appropriate use of recycling bins and appropriate coloured bins for clinical waste.
- 4.4 As a result of the changes to service delivery caused by Covid-19 in 2020, Health & Social Care Moray (HSCM) has seen a significant increase in the use of Attend Anywhere (Near Me) by GP and other health professionals. This has reduced the amount of travelling for people (both staff and patients) saving time, money and impact on the environment.
- 4.5 HSCM have been exploring the use of other ICT applications such as VCreate to reduce the need for face to face contact and enabling communication and flexibility of access to services.

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP)) and Moray Integration Joint Board Strategic Plan “Moray Partners in Care 2019 – 2029”**
As defined within the Moray Integration Scheme values and meeting the strategic aims contained within the MIJB Strategic Plan 2019-29.
- (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 this report
- (g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact**
As this is a performance monitoring report, an Equality Impact Assessment is not required as the report does not deal with actions which may impact adversely on groups with protected characteristics.
- (h) Consultations**
Consultation on this report has taken place with the Chief Financial Officer who is in agreement with the content in relation to their area of responsibility.

6. CONCLUSION

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

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