



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2021

SUBJECT: CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE

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1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1. To provide an update on the progress of climate change matters by the Moray Council and tsiMORAY.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. **The Board notes the contents of the report.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council's Climate Change Strategy (CCS) was adopted on 10 March 2021. The CCS set a goal of the Council achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030. Officers and members are working with others across Moray to deliver that goal.
- 3.2 The CCS set out an Action Plan to assist in the progress to net zero. Progress is reviewed every 6 months.

4. PROGRESS UPDATE

- 4.1 This Moray Council climate change team is now in place and is made up of 3 permanent staff consisting of Principal Officer (started 26 July 2021), Project Officer (started 27 September 2021) Project Officer – communications (started 4 October 2021). They are actively engaged in community planning through discussions with tsiMORAY about collaborate working.
- 4.2 tsiMORAY have been successful in a Rural Communities Testing Change (RCTC) grant. RCTC funds projects which will test new approaches to delivering community led local development. One element of the grant is the Carbon-Neutral Moray project. This aims to engage with communities across

Moray to develop materials to develop deeper and more widespread understanding of what life in a carbon-neutral Moray might look and feel like. It will support, animate and facilitate the development, collation and sharing of ideas, plans and actions that can be further developed and taken forward with and by a wide range of actors & stakeholders to support the transition to a zero-waste and carbon-neutral Moray. It will develop and publish materials through a range of media to share learning about:

- what it means to be carbon-neutral
- what communities and agencies can do to drive and support the transition to a carbon-neutral rural economy
- how Community Led Local Development approaches can enable similar processes to be rolled-out elsewhere.

4.3 tsiMORAY also applied for funding from the Community Renewal Fund but this was unsuccessful. Part of this application was to take forward the work of the Climate Change Assembly and the Moray Area Climate Change Action Steering Group (MACCA SG). Working in partnership with Moray Chamber the most recent Climate Assembly took place on the 30th September bringing together private, public and third sector with a key note speaker from Zero Waste. Over 40 individuals attended from across all sectors supporting wider collaboration across Moray.

4.4 The purpose of MACCA SG is to regularly convene motivated and willing cross-sector leaders within the Moray Community Planning Partnership area to tackle climate change through a just and green recovery. Specifically, the MACCA SG is established to:

- Ensure a cross-sectoral collaborative approach to tackling climate change wherever possible, linking up to existing governance and collective action structures (e.g. Community Planning Partnership (CPP), Chamber of Commerce, Moray Climate Assembly).
- Listen and respond to input from the Moray community, including but not limited to, the Moray Climate Assembly.

4.5 MACCA SG last met in May 2021, but the foundations of the group provide an ideal point to take forward joint work around climate change. The MC Climate Change team will help facilitate MACCA SG going forward to ensure a collaborative approach to climate change in Moray and to collate updates from CPP partners. tsiMORAY has also time to devote to engaging collaboratively with MACCA SG and across sectors in Moray.

4.6 A copy of the latest CCS Update, as approved by the Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee on 19 October 2021 is included in **Appendix 1**.

4.7 An updated copy of the Action Plan is included in **Appendix 2**.

4.8 An overview of the tsiMORAY's Carbon-Neutral Moray project is included in **Appendix 3**

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1. The Board are requested to note the progress made by the Council on delivery of its CCS and Action Plan and on the progress by tsiMORAY.**

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Background Papers:

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